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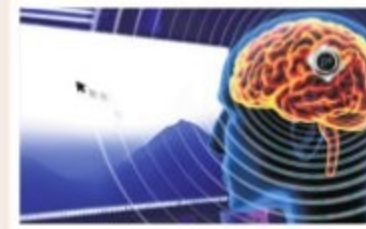
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## NEURALINK PATIENT CAN CONTROL MOUSE THROUGH THOUGHT: MUSK

NO SIDE EFFECTS ON PATIENT

"Progress is good, and the patient seems to have made a full recovery, with no ill effects that we are aware of," Musk said in a Space event on X. "Patient is able to move a mouse around the screen by just thinking," he added. Neuralink's implant given to the first human patient and initial results show neuron spike detection



Neuralink uses a robot to surgically place a brain-computer interface implant in a region of the brain that controls the intention to move



AAP's Kuldeep Kumar after the SC declared him Mayor | P11

## SC overturns C'garh Mayoral poll verdict, raps returning officer

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY  
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday declared AAP candidate Kuldeep Kumar the winner of the Chandigarh Mayoral polls, setting aside the January 30 poll verdict on the BJP victory.

The bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra found presiding officer Anil Masih guilty of defacing eight ballots, which were cast in favour of Kuldeep. The court considered those ballots valid and transferred them to Kuldeep. The judges ordered Masih's prosecution for making a false statement in court. The bench said setting aside the election process itself wouldn't be proper as the issue arose only when Masih made the counting.

The SC said Masih's conduct has to be deprecated at two levels. One, he altered the course of mayoral poll. Two, he made a solemn statement before the court on February 19, which was a lie. At the outset, the bench got to physically examine the invalidated ballots. A video of the voting process was played in the open court.

## Farmer build-up begins; HC says 'no' to tractors

Protest to resume today; Court says tractors can't run on highways

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

BATTLE lines were drawn along the Punjab-Haryana border with farmers bringing in heavy machinery, including hydraulic cranes and earth movers, to break the police barricades as they resume their Dilli Chalo march on Wednesday, a day after they rejected a formula floated by the Centre.

In a new twist later in the day, the Punjab and Haryana High Court said tractor trolleys cannot run on highways as per the Motor Vehicles Act.

It advised farmers to use buses or public transport to go to Delhi instead. A bench of Acting Chief Justice G S Sandhwal and Justice Lapita Banerji also orally directed the Punjab government to ensure that farmers do not gather in large numbers.

Briefing the media on the talks with the Centre, farmer leaders said they had suggested a special session of Parliament to pass a legislation on legal guarantees to the minimum support price (MSP) mechanism for crops.

Sarwan Singh Pandher, general secretary of the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee, said: "We have three major demands: legal guarantee on MSP for all crops; the implementation of the C2+50% formula as recommended by the Swaminathan



Farmers with an excavator modified to shield the agitators from police rubber bullets, at the Punjab-Haryana Shambhu border in Patiala district on Tuesday. Their Dilli Chalo agitation will resume on Wednesday | P11

### BOTH BJP & AKALIS BLAME IT ON MANN

Both the Punjab unit of the BJP and the Shiromani Akali Dal blamed Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for breakdown of talks. Punjab BJP president Sunil Jakhar said, "since Mann acted as the lawyer for farmers during the talks, the negotiations were destined to fail." Senior SAD leader Prof Prem Singh Chandumajra said Mann's double-speak during negotiations failed the farming community and forced them on the path of agitation

Commission; and loan waiver."

He said as per government reports, farmers have a total debt of ₹18.5 lakh crore. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi could make a pre-poll announcement that all farm loans would be waived; a mechanism

to do so could be worked out later," he suggested.

At the Shambhu inter-state border, sources said the number of agitators is swelling. There is heavy police deployment in and around Rajpura to manage traffic movement as hundreds of tractor trolleys are rolling towards Shambhu.

## Govt under fire over compensation to jumbo attack victim in RG's Wayanad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru

THE State Government's decision to pay Rs 15 lakh as compensation to a person killed in an elephant attack in neighbouring Kerala's Wayanad district has come under sharp criticism from opposition BJP and JDS leaders.

While some forest officials have also expressed concern, angry villagers of Hebbanahalli in Hassan district have

questioned the government's 'generosity' towards the family of the victim in Kerala while the family of an earlier victim from their own village in Karnataka was paid Rs 7.5 lakh and has been waiting for a full compensation of Rs 15 lakh for over a year.

The Opposition BJP termed this as "misuse of Karnataka taxpayers' funds to curry favour with Congress leader and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi".

BJP state chief BY Vijayen-

dra said: "Illegally allocating state fund of Rs 15 lakh to a deceased individual from Rahul Gandhi's Wayanad constituency, falsely blaming an elephant from Karnataka is an appalling betrayal."

Vijayendra posted Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre's letter (dated February 19) to Rahul, on social media, which stated that compensation was announced as per Rahul's advice conveyed to him by AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal. P6

### EXPRESS READ

#### Karnataka ready for 2nd PU, SSLC exams

Bengaluru: The state government is geared up for the smooth conduct of the 2nd PU examinations on March 1 and SSLC between March 25 and April 6. As many as 6,98,624 students will appear for 2nd PU exams and 8,96,271 will attempt the SSLC board exams | P4

#### Govt collecting samples of cotton candy for tests

Bengaluru: Taking a cue from Puducherry and Tamil Nadu where the production and sale of cotton candy has been banned, the Karnataka government has started collecting samples of cotton candy from across the state to detect the presence of Rhodamine-B, a carcinogen | P7

### Young Odisha hockey international Jyoti fights to save house

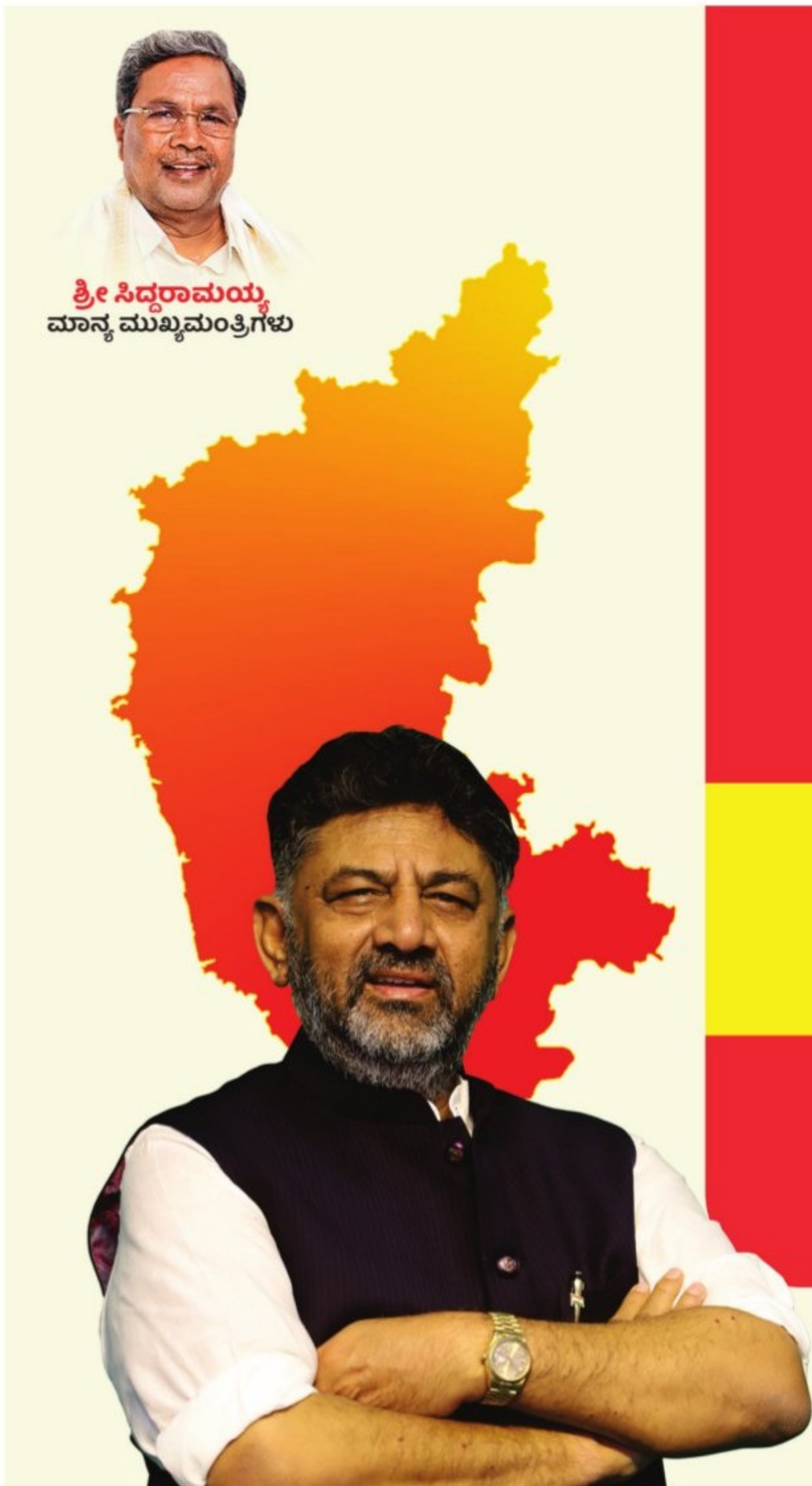


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## RELIEF FOR JYOTI

ASSURED PIECE OF LAND FOR NEW HOUSE

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## ನಾಮಫಲಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇ. 60 ರಷ್ಟು ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆ ಬಳಕೆ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯ

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# Transforming Karnataka's Future

Within the colossal budget of Rs 37,138 crore for the fiscal year 2024-25, the Chief Minister allocated substantial funds towards five principal programmes, alongside unveiling numerous additional pro-people and developmental initiatives, all aimed at propelling Karnataka towards a trajectory of progress. Siddaramaiah, renowned for his welfare endeavours, particularly tailored towards enhancing the livelihoods of individuals hailing from marginalized backgrounds and economically vulnerable segments, showcased his commitment in this budgetary allocation. Notably, a sum of Rs 1.20 crore was earmarked specifically for welfare programmes, ensuring inclusivity across all strata of society.

After returning to power in May last year, the Congress government rolled out all five guarantee schemes promised to the people of the state in the run-up to the elections. The CM allocated Rs.52,009 crore to guarantee schemes—*Gruha Jyothi: Rs 9,657 crore; Anna Bhagya: Rs 8,079 crore; Shakthi: Rs 5,015 crore; Yuva Nidhi: Rs 650 crore and Gruha Lakshmi: Rs 28,608 crore.* "Through the guarantee schemes, an average of Rs 50,000 to Rs 55,000 is transferred to each family every year. Implementation of guarantee schemes has brought us admiration from the entire world," the CM said in the budget.

## Ambition

Embedded within the budgetary framework lies the government's ambition to cultivate a fertile ground for swift economic expansion. This vision is actualised through strategic investments in expressways, high-grade rural thoroughfares, airport enhancements, industrial corridors, and enhanced urban transit networks. Anticipated outcomes include the ignition of economic dynamism along proposed industrial arteries stretching from Bengaluru to Bidar and Bengaluru to Mangaluru, thus catalysing widespread developmental momentum throughout these corridors.

The Bidar-Bengaluru corridor is expected to go a long way in the development of Kalyan Karnataka districts, which de-

ter D K Shivakumar.

## Bengaluru Factor

The budget boasts a forward-looking strategy for Bengaluru, a pivotal cog in India's economic machinery and the primary driver of the state's economic engine. Many ambitious undertakings, such as Bengaluru's Peripheral Ring Road and world-class sports complexes across four locations in the capital, have been embraced under Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), alleviating fiscal burdens on the state.

## PPP Framework

Initiatives such as the installation of solar panels in water bodies, the enhancement of Brindavan Gardens at Krishnaraj Sagar (KRS) dam, the establishment of electric

to the development of the entire state by giving equal emphasis to agriculture, farmer empowerment, industry, infrastructure, setting up modern industries, and attention to job creation. Further, the priority to increase facilities in holy places like Srishaila and Mantralaya, push for fishing, and the upgradation of the health sector would yield positive results in the coming days," said Patil.

The interdependence of economic growth and infrastructure development is undeniable. Siddaramaiah has unveiled plans to commission multiple feasibility reports under the Karnataka Infrastructure Scheme Development Fund, showcasing the government's resolve to cultivate world-class infrastructure in Bengaluru city," asserted Patil.

(GSDP) and limiting outstanding liabilities to 25% of GSDP.

## Agri Focus

In addition to prioritising welfare programmes and infrastructure initiatives, the budget accorded equal significance to agriculture.

The proposed Agriculture Development Authority, chaired by the Chief Minister, aims to streamline policy implementation across agriculture and allied sectors, fostering better coordination among various departments.

The reintroduction of the Krishi Bhagya Yojane, a popular scheme from Siddaramaiah's previous tenure as CM, underscores the government's commitment to agricultural preservation and sustainability.

A Community Seed Bank initiative seeks to safeguard locally bred seeds from extinction.

## Education & Health

Siddaramaiah's budget also places significant emphasis on education and healthcare. The establishment of state-of-the-art Critical Care Blocks in each district promises enhanced healthcare services for critically ill patients. Construction has commenced in 15 districts, with plans to extend to Udupi, Davanagere, Vijayapur, Mysuru, Mandya, Dharwad, and Koppal districts this year, costing Rs.187 crores. The remaining nine districts will see the implementation of Critical Care Blocks in the following year, as announced by the CM in the budget.

## SIDDARAMAIAH'S BLUEPRINT

spite lagging in development, despite a number of measures taken by the governments. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced several measures for the development of the region, apart from the allocation of funds to the Kalyan Karnataka Development Board.

"Our budget is a livelihood-enhancing manifesto, poised to initiate significant changes in people's lives. It embodies a steadfast dedication to the ongoing development of Bengaluru, with a forward-looking approach that includes irrigation projects," declared Deputy Chief Minister

vehicle charging hubs, and the integration of petrol stations within Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs), all operate within the PPP framework.

## Harmonious Mix

Minister MB Patil, overseeing Large and Medium Industries, astutely characterised the budget as a harmonious blend, resonating with visions of social equity, economic advancement, industrial proliferation, and the eradication of regional disparities.

"The budget demonstrates the government's commitment

The budget has swelled by Rs.46,636 crore, reflecting a growth rate of 13%. The CM has maintained fiscal discipline by constraining the fiscal deficit to within 3% of the Gross State Domestic Product



Beyond the guarantee schemes, the government has allocated substantial funds for infrastructure development, with cabinet approval for projects worth Rs. 21,168 crore and additional funding for various initiatives. Plans are underway to transform Bengaluru into a global hub, attracting talent in emerging sectors such as IT, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, and Automobiles.

The Gruha Lakshmi scheme, aimed at women's financial empowerment, has seen substantial progress, with Rs. 11,726 crore already transferred to beneficiaries' accounts. "An allocation of Rs. 28,608 crore for the scheme in 2024-25 will further support women in income-generating activities and household expenses.

Under the Karnataka Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Sub-Plan scheme, Rs. 39,121 crore has been allocated, with Rs. 27,674 crore for Scheduled Castes and Rs. 11,448 crore for Scheduled Tribes. A dedicated Scheduled Tribes Welfare Secretariat has been established, set to become operational in 2023-24.

The initiatives, including Shakti, Gruhajyoti, Gruha Lakshmi, Yuvaniidhi, and Annabhagya, will inject a staggering Rs. 52,000 crore into the hands of millions of citizens in the fiscal year 2024-25, with an average annual transfer of Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 55,000 per family.

Despite global economic challenges, Karnataka attracted an impressive USD 2.8 billion in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by September 2023, positioning itself as a favoured investment destination.

In terms of revenue, Karnataka ranks second in GST collections nationally, witnessing an 18% increase in the current financial year compared to the previous year. The state's own tax revenue is expected to grow by 12% in the fiscal year 2023-24, largely attributed to the positive impact of the five Guarantee programmes.

Despite assurances from the Union Government regarding a 14% growth in GST collections, the state incurred a loss of Rs. 59,274 crore over the past seven years, highlighting the need for more robust implementation strategies. The previous administration's failure to address the disparities arising from the 15th Finance Commission's interim and final reports has left the state reeling from significant financial losses. Changes in income calculation methods and the census base year resulted in Karnataka receiving Rs. 62,098 crore less than anticipated in central tax devolution over six years.

— Siddaramaiah  
Chief Minister of Karnataka



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's 15th Budget captivated with its clarity, reflecting his vision of progress as achieving optimal functionality with minimal complexity. It served as a testament to the pertinacity, farsightedness, and zeal of the Congress Government towards Karnataka's prosperity, showcasing a budget deeply rooted in purposeful allocation and strategic foresight.

Efforts are underway for the ambitious Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir project, with a separate division established for implementation. Infrastructure in government schools and pre-university colleges received a boost with Rs. 850 crore allocated this year, aiming to enhance education quality and equip students with global competitiveness.

The services and industrial sectors are driving the state's economic growth, with the services sector expanding by 8.7% and the industrial sector by 7.5% compared to the previous year. However, the agriculture sector experienced a downturn of 1.8% due to severe drought conditions.

To combat hunger, the Annabhagya scheme provides free food grains, supplemented by an additional five kilograms soon after coming to power. Due to procurement challenges, a direct cash transfer of Rs. 170 per month to beneficiaries has been implemented, amounting to Rs. 4595 crore transferred to 4.02 crore beneficiaries.



## Sustainable Development and Social Harmony

PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA & M. AMAAN ASIM

As Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presented his record fifteenth budget, one question was on everyone's minds: After allocating more than Rs. 50,000 crores to fulfill the Congress's Five Guarantees, would he have resources for other developmental priorities?

The Rs. 3.70 lakh crore Karnataka budget for 2024-25 answered that question convincingly. Siddaramaiah's budget guarantees that Karnataka leads as a model state for sustainable growth and inclusive development, which, along with equity and social harmony, are central pillars of the Karnataka Model of Development.

### Guarantees & Beyond

The Five Guarantees provide more than five crore Kannadigas with a social safety net on the lines of a universal basic income, inspired by the humanitarian vision of Gandhi's Talisman. Women receive Rs. 2000 per month and free bus travel, families receive free electricity and additional food security, equivalent to 5 kgs of rice per person, and unemployed youth receive a stipend for up to two years.

The economic logic is to reduce the burden of inflation on families, leave more money in their pockets, empower women, and help youth. These funds would be spent on consumption, which, in turn, would boost economic growth through the classic Keynesian multiplier effect. Enhanced growth results in higher tax revenues, which will enable the government to bridge the

fiscal deficit subsequently. A revenue surplus budget is of no use if the disadvantaged continue to face the onslaught of increasing inflation and joblessness.

Other election promises are also being fulfilled in this budget. Specifically, consultations with gig workers led to the announcement of social security measures for the evolving gig economy. The establishment of a jeans park in Ballari will take forward Rahul Gandhi's commitment to making it the Jeans Capital of the world.

### Fiscal Prudence

The budget shows that Karnataka continues to be a financially strong and progressive state. Despite being a revenue deficit budget, the Government has ensured fiscal prudence by adhering to the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) guidelines. The fiscal deficit remains under 3% of the state's GSDP, and its outstanding liabilities are within the 25% limit.

Further, although the state has been denied its fair share in tax devolution by the Centre, the state has managed to augment its own revenue potential. The state has posted strong revenues with a GST increase of 18% and a projected increase of 12% in its own tax revenues for FY 2023-24.

### Agri-Rural Revitalisation

The budget has initiated innovative and unique ideas for the agricultural sector. Kissan malls will provide farmers with information and products under one roof to provide a fillip to the industry. A separate directorate will fast-track food processing and food parks that

will create value-addition and ensure export readiness to power our vibrant rural economy.

### Wins For Namma Women

Indira Canteens under the previous Congress government ensured healthy and affordable food in urban areas. Now, "Cafe Sanjeevinis" will be set up with the twin objectives of serving rural areas and empowering women entrepreneurs, who will run them. The Coffee Board will also support 1 lakh women from Self Help Groups as coffee entrepreneurs and set up 2500 exclusive women-led coffee kiosks.

### Bengaluru and Beyond

The budget balances the needs of Bengaluru while also ensuring development Beyond Bengaluru. Even the renaming of the peripheral ring road as the Bengaluru Business Corridor signals the government's intent to strengthen synergy with the private sector and to promote public private partnerships. Other key infrastructure proposals include a new metro line to complete a ring Metro, a Sports City in North Bengaluru, and fast-tracking Suburban Rail.

### Powering Karnataka

The previous Government during 2019-23 did not invest in the energy sector. Not a Megawatt of power generation capacity was added. This government has an ambitious road map of reaching 60 GigaWatts of installed capacity in seven years, with green hydrogen and pumped storage playing a key role.

### Innovative & Pioneering Initiatives

Providing palliative care to

senior citizens in rural areas and initiating doorstep delivery of rations signal true gratitude to our elders. Youth will receive job readiness and skill training through Yuva Nidhi Plus. Transit hostels in urban centers for young women will enable a sense of freedom for them to work and study.

1000 electric buses will be added through an innovative gross commercial contract mechanism, where the manufacturer is paid as the buses get utilised rather than an upfront price. Carbon sequestering through horticulture will leverage the global carbon credit market and enhance sustainability. The Karnataka budget succeeds in balancing the multiple challenges the state faces while leveraging all opportunities to ensure Karnataka's preeminence as an innovative and progressive state. Through this budget, CM Siddaramaiah has ticked all the right boxes and ensured an inclusive and equitable development model.



Prof. M. V. Rajeev Gowda M. Amaan Asim

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## Paves the Way for Progress

V.R. SUDARSHAN

Karnataka is the second-highest source of GST collection in the country, with an 18% increase this fiscal compared to the previous year. This demonstrates Karnataka's significant role in nation-building and its contribution to the national GDP.

The budget ensures fiscal discipline by maintaining the fiscal deficit within 3% of GSDP and outstanding liabilities within 25% of GSDP.

The Government of Karnataka submitted a memorandum to the 15th Finance Commission with full justification and facts, highlighting the injustices faced by the state.

The unscientific implementation of GST, increases in cesses and surcharges, and changes in the allocation formula, along with the short release of funds to the states, have adversely affected the financial strength of Karnataka.

The budget for 2024-25 has allocated Rs. 52,000 crores to the people of Karnataka through five guarantees: *Shakty, Gruha Jyoti, Gruha Lakshmi, Yuva Nidhi, and Anna Bagya*. These schemes have empowered various sections of society, especially women and vulnerable groups, with an average transfer of Rs. 50,000 to 55,000 annually per family.

The government prioritises farmers' interests, increasing the limit for interest-free short-term loans to farmers from Rs. 3.00 lakh to Rs. 5 lakhs, aiming to assist farmers in borrowing additionally. The budget targets to dispose of Rs. 25,000 crores of loans for 30 lakh farmers.



An educated Karnataka is the path forward. The government plans to establish several residential schools, pre-university colleges, and government degree colleges benefiting 8 lakh students.

Infrastructure spending is an investment for the future. Rs. 2,000 crores are allocated for the development of state highways to promote tourism and economic activity.

A total grant of Rs. 795 crores is allocated for various corporations and scheduled caste and scheduled tribes for the empowerment of SC/ST and weaker sections.

Well-equipped residential complexes will be constructed for pilgrims from Karnataka at pilgrimage destinations such as Tirumala, Srishaila, Varanashi, Mantralaya, and others. Separate authorities will be set up for the development of the Sri Ghati Subramanya Swamy Temple in Bengaluru Rural District and the Hulgemma Temple in Koppal District,

with Rs. 454 crore allocated for pilgrimage development.

The State Government allocates Rs. 100 crores for the development of Wakf properties and Rs. 50 crores for the development of major pilgrimage destinations for Jains. Rs. 2.00 crores is provided for the financial empowerment of the Sikligar Community.

This is a comprehensive budget aimed at inducing growth, welfare-oriented, envisioning an inclusive and prosperous Karnataka.



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Viewpoints from experts shed light that progress is the essence of existence. With the unveiling of the 2024-25 budget, we present a few opinions that reiterate that the art of development has been coloured with vibrant shades.

# A Visionary Leap Forward

AIYSHWARYA MANCHANAHALLI MAHADEV

Karnataka's Budget embodies the implementation of social welfare coupled with fiscal care. In an era where economic policies often grapple with being termed populist measures and are at odds with fiscal prudence, Karnataka's Budget for 2024, as presented by our Chief Minister, Shri Siddaramaiah, stands out as a blueprint for inclusive growth and development while also being financially sound. With a record allocation of ₹3.71 lakh crore, the budget for 2024 not only marks a significant increase in budget size but also sets a new benchmark for governance and visionary leadership in the state.

The Chief Minister, with the rare distinction of having presented 15 budgets in his career, has meticulously crafted a financial plan that addresses all the core sectors of society: Guarantees, Education, Women and Child Development, Agriculture, Irrigation, Energy, Health, and also Bangalore, all the while underscoring a holistic approach to development.

The cornerstone of the budget, the 5 Congress Guarantee schemes, injects ₹52,000 crore directly into the hands of millions, ensuring an annual transfer of ₹50,000 to ₹55,000 to each family. This direct benefit transfer, especially for the socio-economically weaker sections, is a game-changer, aimed at not just alleviating immediate financial burdens in a tough economy but also at stimulating economic activity at the grassroots level.

Critics often question us on spending too much on these social welfare guarantees, but forget the basic principle; that money in the hands of weaker sections is a remedy for growth



and is the key to inclusive development. These guarantees act as a means of social upliftment for the underprivileged and enable them to be a more empowered part of the economy with their increased spending power.

This budget has increased the allocation for Education to ₹44,422 crore, reflecting the government's commitment to enhancing the quality of education through the establishment of Karnataka Public Schools and bilingual medium schools.

It also aims to nurture future leaders by providing specialised training for competitive exams. This focus on education is both a strategic investment in the state's future and a reflection of the Congress' belief in the profound power of knowledge. Dr. Raghuram Rajan, in his seminal new book, *Breaking the Mould*, extensively discusses how India needs to invest heavily in its human capital through education, and Karnataka is taking the lead

in this endeavor.

Women and Child Development have received unprecedented attention with a budgetary allocation of ₹86,423 crore and ₹54,617 crore respectively. This significant increase aims to empower women through the development of micro-enterprises and to ensure the well-being of children across the state. The *Gruha Lakshmi* scheme, with an allocation of ₹28,608 crore, is particularly noteworthy for its potential to create a more equitable society and several allied positive externalities.

Money in the hands of women not only enhances their savings but also acts as a safety net during any untoward incident in the family. Another flagship scheme, *Shakty*, which enables free bus travel for women, has already seen tremendous outcomes in terms of empowering women.

Agriculture, the backbone of Karnataka's economy, has been given a new impetus through the *Karnataka Raita*

*Samruddhi Yojane*, which consolidates pro-farmer schemes into an integrated farming initiative. The establishment of food parks and the provision of input subsidies underscore a comprehensive strategy to invigorate this vital sector.

The allocation of ₹19,179 crore for irrigation and ₹23,159 crore for the energy sector are clear indicators of the government's resolve to address the challenges of water scarcity and energy security, respectively. The ambitious goal to double the power generation capacity showcases a forward-thinking approach to sustainable development.

Healthcare, with its 4% budget allocation, has been given a boost with the establishment of new Primary Health Centres, Day-Care Chemotherapy Centres, and the provision of Digital Mammography machines. These initiatives are a testament to the government's commitment to ensuring the health

and well-being of its citizens.

Finally, the budget envisions the Bengaluru Zone to be a hub of innovation, healthcare, and research with significant investments in infrastructure, including the expansion of the Bengaluru Metro Rail network and the development of the Bengaluru Business Corridor. The establishment of KHIR in Bengaluru is set to transform the city into a global knowledge and innovation hub.

This budget, with its strategic allocations and visionary initiatives, is not just an economic document but a manifesto for holistic development. It reflects a philosophy of governance that prioritises the welfare of the people, the sustainability of the environment, and the economic prosperity of the state.

As *Namma Karnataka* embarks on this ambitious journey of transformation, it sets an example for others to follow, proving that with visionary leadership and strategic planning, it is possible to craft policies that are both inclusive and growth-oriented.

The Budget 2024 is a testament to the power of people to make a positive difference in their own lives by electing an empathetic government that cares about their future.



(The author is an Advocate, High Court of Karnataka)

## Balancing Welfare with Economic Development

G. E. MANJUNATH

"Face is the index of the mind," just as the budget reflects the overall development of the state, ensuring that development directly benefits every citizen, ultimately contributing to their welfare.

Siddaramaiah has presented his 15th budget for the state. The overall budget for 2024-25 is Rs 3,71,383 crores. Within this, planning expenditure amounts to Rs 1,10,957 crores, while other expenditure excluding planning is Rs 1,59,526 crores. Additionally, Rs 24,974 crores are allocated for loan repayment, which contributes to maintaining a healthy state.

In my opinion, by including freebies (amounting to Rs 52,000 crores for 2024-25), Siddaramaiah has increased financial assistance for SC-SP (Scheduled Caste Special Programme) and TSP (Tribal Special Programme) to a total of Rs 39,121 crores (an increase of Rs 4,827 crores). Initiatives such as English language learning for rural populations, programmes for women's empowerment, and the expansion of hostels for SC/STs and minorities, are aimed at benefiting the AHINDA population.

The expectation of increased revenue from excise, revenue (land) registration, motor vehicle tax, mining and geology, and commercial taxes is reasonable. These revenue streams are not anticipated to burden the common man.

### Expected revenue includes:

- Revenue (land) from registration: Rs 20,000 crores
- Excise collection: Rs 38,525 crores
- Motor vehicle tax registration: Rs 13,000 crores
- Mining and geology: Rs 9,000 crores
- Commercial tax: Rs 1,10,000 crores

Initiatives such as granting 'B' khatas to revenue sites (except in Bengaluru), developing 2000 km of highways from Bengaluru to Bidar and Bengaluru to Mangaluru, establishing a signature business park near Kempegowda International Airport, and creating satellite towns along the Bengaluru business corridor are proposed.

The introduction of a new industrial policy, with emphasis on both small scale (43%) and major industries (22.4%) simultaneously, is noteworthy. Specific developments include a new sugar factory in Mandya, a textile park in Kalburgi, an industrial node near Dharwad covering about 6000 acres, a jeans apparel park in Bellari, and mini textile parks in 25 districts to stimulate employment opportunities. This gradual approach aims to facilitate industrial expansion and job creation in rural sectors.

Increasing power production from 32,000 kW to 60,000 kW, alongside the encouragement of green hydrogen fuel, promises favorable conditions for industrialists. There are also plans for the overall development of airports in the state.

This budget sets a model for other states. Balancing freebies with overall development is challenging, but it is achievable with the expertise of experienced economists like Siddaramaiah. Ultimately, this budget is expected to benefit the 7 crore people of Karnataka. *Sarve Jano Sukhino Bhavantu.*

(The author is a Strategy and Crisis Management Consultant from Holalkere, Chitradurga district)





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## Declaring snake bite a disease will help know exact number

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THE state government declared that snake bite is a notifiable disease. This will help the government, especially the health department, know the actual number of snake bite cases. From now, every snake bite case treated at a government or private hospital has to be recorded. Officials said this will also help know the exact number of anti-venom vials needed and the districts that need maximum attention.

Experts said Karnataka is fifth in the country to report a large number of snake bite cases after Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha and Maharashtra. It is the first in the country to declare snake bite a notifiable disease.

Last year, the state recorded around 6,500 cases. Officials, however, admitted that around 50% of cases would not have been reported.

As per the state government

records, from October 2023 to February 2024, the state reported 2,620 snake bite cases and eight deaths. Government hospitals across the state have a total of 12,922 anti-venom vials. The anti-venoms available can be used for all snake bites, including spectacled cobra, Russell's viper, saw-scaled vipers and common crate.



Sumanth Bindu-madhav, director of wildlife protection, Humane Society International/India, said, "The Karnataka government's move steps up surveillance at the state level to better inform policy decisions on prevention, treatment and management of snake bites. This could end thus other states to follow suit."

HSI/India and The Liana Trust have been working with the state forest and health departments for about a year. This will also help in knowing the trend/seasons when the snake bite cases rise. This will help in better planning for prevention.

## AWARENESS FAIR FOR ALL-ROUND MENTAL WELLBEING



A child checks out an exhibit on mental health, during the Mental Health Santhe 2.0, at the NIMHANS Convention Centre in Bengaluru on Tuesday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

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FAIRS are normally associated with products, artefacts, culture, and cuisine besides sports, entertainment and bonhomie. But Tuesday's Santhe (fair) was different and of a unique flavour: 'Mental Health Santhe 2.0' organised by the Department of Mental Health Education, NIMHANS, in collaboration with various other departments, private organisations and NGOs working in the field of mental health was indeed a pioneering mega fair and first-of-its-kind.

There were close to 75 stalls that offered valuable insights and resources into mental

health. The santhe spoke about how far awareness of mental health has come and the plethora of services being offered to cross sections of society.

The mega fair had various activities such as mindful colouring and origami stores to promote mental well-being along with stalls and exhibitions where comprehensive explanations on mental illness, maternal mental health stigma, suicide prevention, and disorders like Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) were provided.

In her inaugural note, NIMHANS director Dr Pratima

Murthy said, "The distinctive initiative seeks to narrow the disparity in community mental health needs, promoting greater awareness of accessible services, decreasing stigma, averting suicides, and improving mental health literacy."

Furthermore, stalls representing various organisations offering online support services, including access to psychiatrists and psychologists, were set up, accompanied by informational boards and bookmarks elucidating topics such as the importance of parenting, destigmatising mental health, managing educational stress, and promoting a healthy lifestyle.

## Sowjanya case: HC notice to CBI, state police chief over plea for fresh probe

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court issued notice to the state police chief and the CBI on a petition filed by Chandappa Gowda from Dharmasthala of Dakshina Kannada district, seeking directions to the CBI to conduct fresh investigation by constituting a Special Investigation Team (SIT) into the brutal rape and murder of his minor daughter,

Sowjanya, in 2012, to ensure that the actual perpetrators are booked and prosecuted, to render justice to the victim.

The court also issued notice to the Additional Director General of Police and Inspector General of Police (Crime and Technical Services), the Head of the Acquittal Committee, as the petitioner prayed the court to issue directions to the committee to pass necessary order; on the recommendation made by

the sessions court, to take action against erring officials who failed to put the real culprits behind bars while acquitting Santhosh Rao.

While issuing the notice, Justice K Natarajan passed the order to place the petition before the Chief Justice for passing orders on the request made by the petitioner to place this case along with the appeal filed by the CBI questioning the acquittal of the accused by the sessions court and heard them together.

### CRIME PATROL

#### Suspecting affair, cabbie attacks estranged wife

BENGALURU: Frustrated after seeing his estranged wife going with another man, a 37-year-old cab driver chased and attacked her with a machete on the busy Wind Tunnel Road in Murugeshpalya under JB Nagar police station limits around 7 pm on Monday. The accused has been identified as Sheikh Mujeeb, who has been arrested. The woman, identified as Nigar, was rescued by passersby and rushed to hospital. Mujeeb and Nigar have been married for six years, but were staying separately for the last six months. Mujeeb, a native of Hoskote, was residing in RT Nagar. The couple were in a courtship for three years before their marriage. After separating from her husband, Nigar was staying in a PG accommodation. She was working in a private firm in Murugeshpalya. She is alleged to have been in a relationship with her colleague at her workplace. Suspecting that his wife was having an affair with her colleague, Mujeeb wanted to stop her from working. He wanted to chop off his wife's fingers so that she would be forced to stay at home. He had purchased a fish-cutting knife that looked like a machete. After seeing her with the colleague, Mujeeb chased her in full public view and attacked her with the weapon. Passersby informed the police who came and arrested him. The victim is under treatment.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client **Mr. R. INAYATHULLA SHARIEFF**, R/at No. 15, 8th Cross, Someshwaram, Tank Garden, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore-560011, has LOST the Original Allotment Letter and Original BDA Khata of his property bearing BDA Site No. 249, GB-I, Ganabharathi Layout (Nagadevanahally) Block-I, Bangalore.

If the above said Original Allotment Letter and BDA Khata is found by any persons, please inform or handover the same to the undersigned Advocate within 7 days, finders will be suitably rewarded, subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

Sd/- **MUKHTAR AHMED**, Advocate  
No. 140, M.M. Road, Fraser Town, Bangalore-5, Mobile: 98454-11082  
Place: Bangalore Dated: 20.02.2024



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Kumamangalam  
Kozhikode - 673570  
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**TENDER NOTICE**

IIM Kozhikode invites e-tender from eligible and qualified firms/companies for Providing Mess and Catering Services at IIM Kozhikode.

For details visit:  
<https://iimk.ac.in/tender>.

Sd/-  
16.02.2024 (Head - Admin & HR)

### PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGD033813, Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in)  
Mobile No. 96461-55525

**E-Tender Enq. No. 517/P-3/EMPW-12493** Dated 16.02.24

Dy.Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSIT, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024 POWER 118299\_1 for Breakdown / Preventive Mtc. & Overhauling of DM Plants, D.G. Sets, Compressors, Hydrogen gas plants, Fire protection system, AC system and other allied Mechanical Auxiliaries of stage-II and III for 4 units BHEL make 210 MW each and work of Central Mechanical Workshop at GGSSIT, Roopnagar.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 19.02.24 / 5.00 PM onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>

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76155/12/2728/2023/32653

### KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

**Tender Notification**  
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Providing Consultancy Services for obtaining Environmental Clearance (EC) from MOEF and obtaining CFE and CFO from KSPCB for the Sites & Services Scheme at Sattur 4th Phase in Sattur Village, Dhawad Taluk & District.

Notification No. KHB/CE/MOEF/KHB/2023-24/SE0068 Dt 20.02.2024.

Last date for submission of Bid is on 29.02.2024 up to 4.00 PM

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPRC/3749/AKAR/2023-24

### GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER, SUBARNAREKHA & BUDHABALANGA BASIN, AT/PO:- LAXMIPOSI, DIST:-MAYURBHANJ

A-1552  
Mail Id: [cebmsbb2019@gmail.com](mailto:cebmsbb2019@gmail.com)  
Government of Odisha "e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE  
Bid Identification No. 41/23-24 of CEBM, SBB, Laxmiposi

| Sl. No. | Name of Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Estimated Cost                                        | Bid Security/ E.M.D.                                     | Period of Completion                                     | Class of Contractor                                                                                    | Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal | Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal | Date & Time for Pre-Bid Conference For S.I. No. A)                                      | Date of opening of bid | Name & Address of the O.I.T                                                                             |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | A. Construction of Bhalubasa Minor from RD 00M to RD 1700M along with Minors and Sub-Minors including all structures with CC lining and service road.<br>B. Construction of Minor & Sub-Minors directly off- taking from Raghunathpur Distributary between RD 9300 m to RD 10220 m including all structures, C.C. lining and service road.<br>C. Construction of Bhanupur Minor off-taking at RD 1700M of Bhalubasa Minor and its Sub-minors including all structures with C.C. lining and service road. | A. Rs.28,85,400/- B. Rs.19,96,800/- C. Rs.19,88,400/- | A. Rs.2885.37 Lakh B. Rs.1996.78 Lakh C. Rs.1988.39 Lakh | For S.I. No. A, B & C - 24 (Twenty Four) Calendar Months | For S.I. No. A- "Special" Class and "Super" Class & For S.I. No. B & C - "A" Class and "Special" Class | 21.02.2024 at 10:00 AM                                    | 13.03.2024 up to 5:00 PM                        | 01.03.2024 from 11:30 AM To 12:00 Noon in Office of the CE & BM, S & B Basin, Laxmiposi | 14.03.24 at 11.00 A.M. | Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, O/O the CE&BM, Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj |
| 2       | Estimated Cost                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | A. Rs.28,85,400/- B. Rs.19,96,800/- C. Rs.19,88,400/- | A. Rs.2885.37 Lakh B. Rs.1996.78 Lakh C. Rs.1988.39 Lakh |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 3       | Bid Security/ E.M.D.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 4       | Period of Completion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 5       | Class of Contractor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 6       | Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 7       | Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 8       | Date & Time for Pre-Bid Conference For S.I. No. A)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 9       | Date of opening of bid                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |
| 10      | Name & Address of the O.I.T                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                       |                                                          |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                         |                        |                                                                                                         |

Further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal "<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>".

Sd/- Chief Engineer & Basin Manager,  
Subarnarekha & Budhabalanga Basin, Laxmiposi, Mayurbhanj  
OIPR- 32429/1/0005/2/324

### BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer-5, Solid Waste Management Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002.

**No: BBMP/EE-5/SWM/TEND/03/2023-24/Call-6** Date: 20.02.2024

**INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)**  
(Two Cover Tender) (Through GOK KPP Portal) - Call-6

The Executive Engineer-5, Solid Waste Management Division, invites Proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Agency for "Operation and Maintenance of Toilets in BBMP Limits" as detailed in the table below.

| Sl. No. | Name of Assignment                                                                                     | Amount put to Tender (Rs. in Lakhs) | EMD (Rs. in Lakhs) | Remarks |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| 1       | Operation and Maintenance of E-Toilets (26 Units) in East Zone for 3 years in BBMP Limits. (Package-5) | 35.56                               | 0.71               | General |

(1) Tender documents available from 20.02.2024, 16.00 hrs. onwards. (2) Last date for receipt of queries: 22.02.2024 upto 15:30 hrs. (3) Date of Pre-bid meeting at the Office of the Chief Engineer(SWM) on 23.02.2024 at 16:00 hrs. (4) Last date for uploading the filled Proposals: 28.02.2024 at 16:30 hrs. (5) Date of Opening of Technical Proposals: 29.02.2024 at 16:30 hrs. (6) Date of Opening of Financial Proposals: After approval of Technical Proposals through KPPP.

Further details can be had from office of the above during office hours on all working days or from e-Procurement portal website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer-5,  
Solid Waste Management, BBMP

### KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)  
No: SEE/EE/T&W&M/DVG/AEE-1/F-114/23-24/Cys-100 Date: 20.02.2024

**TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPPP Mode Only)**

E-Tenders are invited in the prescribed form from reputed **Electrical Contractor possessing Super Grade Electrical Contractor License** for the following works in Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Davanagere.

**(1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/23-24/123 Dated: 17.02.2024** for Conversion of existing 66KV SC line on SC towers and H-Frame to 66KV MC line on MC tower from 4 pole structure tap point to 66/11KV Honnali substation for a distance of 0.395Kms using Coyote conductor in Honnalitaluk, Davanagere District alongwith Construction of 02 Nos of 66kV Terminal Bays at 66/11 kV Honnali Sub-Station for terminating 66kV Malebennur-Banuvali circuit and 66kV Kattige circuit in Honnali Taluk, Davanagere District.

**(2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-1/23-24/93B/Call-3 Dated: 16.02.2024** for Construction of 66 KV LILO line on DC towers from existing 66 KV Honnali-Malebennur D/C Line to existing 66/11 KV Malebennur Sub-Station in the existing corridor for a distance of 0.382 Km in Honnali Taluk, Davanagere District and Establishing 66 KV One number of terminal bay at existing 66/11Kv S/S Malebennur in Harihar Taluk & Davanagere District on Total Turnkey Basis including Supply of all matching Materials / Equipments and Erection (Including Civil Works) of all Materials / Equipments, Testing and Commissioning.

Tenders will be accepted through KPPP Mode only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> and click on to hyperlink Karnataka Public procurement-kptcl to participate in e-procurement portal on or after 21.02.2024.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),  
Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Ph: 08192-250774.

### Indian Bank

**APPENDIX-IV-A " [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]**

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 28/03/2024, for recovery of Rs. 5,37,371/- (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy One Only) (as on 18.02.2024) due to the Indian Bank, AVALAHALLI branch, Secured Creditor, from Mr. B.G. Krishna, No.3, Basaveshwara Layout, Kempasahalli Road, Altur, Yelahanka, Bangalore -560064. The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property at Site No 1/2B, in khata No 3, Assessment No 19/12, situated at Kempasahalli Village, Doddabettahalli Gram panchayat, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North taluk measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet and bounded as under: East by: Sri Pavadiyappa's Property, West by: 20 ft Road, North by: Smt. Sreedevi's Property, South by: Sri Chandrappa's property

| Encumbrances on property   | Indian Bank, AVALAHALLI Branch           |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Reserve Price              | Rs.46,58,000/-                           |
| EMD Amount                 | Rs.4,65,800/-                            |
| Bid Incremental Amount     | Rs.10,000/-                              |
| Date and time of e-auction | 28/03/2024 between 11:00 Noon to 4:00 PM |
| Property ID No.            | IDB50021026524                           |

Bidders are advised to visit the website ([www.mstccommerce.com](http://www.mstccommerce.com)) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESH No. 033-2290104 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact [ibaplog@mstccommerce.com](mailto:ibaplog@mstccommerce.com) and for EMD status please contact [ibaplog@mstccommerce.com](mailto:ibaplog@mstccommerce.com).

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://ibapli.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number "18001025026" and "011-41106131".

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://ibapli.in> and [www.mstccommerce.com](http://www.mstccommerce.com).

Date: 19.02.2024, Place: Bangalore Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

### OPPORTUNITIES

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Bharati Vidyapeeth Bhavan, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Pune 411 030

### DIRECTOR

Online applications are invited from qualified persons for the post of **Director** to be filled in **Bharati Vidyapeeth (Deemed to be University) Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship Development, Pune - 411 038.**

Please note that,

1. Travelling Allowance by the shortest route will be reimbursed to the candidates called for interview for the post of Director.
2. In case, if you cannot remain present personally due to any genuine reason, an online interview will be arranged. However, in case if you are shortlisted, you must appear in person before finalizing the selection.
3. Higher start will be considered for deserving candidates.

For detailed information about qualifications and experience, please visit Website:  
[bvp.bharatividyapeeth.edu/index.php/careers](http://bvp.bharatividyapeeth.edu/index.php/careers)

**The last date for receiving online applications will be 15 days from the date of publication of the advertisement.** Additionally, please send a hard copy of the online application along with attested photocopies of all certificates to the following address by post or courier to, **The Secretary, Bharati Vidyapeeth Bhavan, 4th floor, Bharati Vidyapeeth Central Office, L.B.S. Marg, Pune 411030.**

SECRETARY  
Bharati Vidyapeeth



Guarantees have helped pull crores of poor people out of BPL status, CM claims

## My economics is collecting tax from rich, giving it to poor: Siddu

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DEFENDING his government's guarantee schemes, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said his economics is nothing but collecting tax from the rich and giving it to the poor, women and Dalits to empower them.

Replying to the governor's address, which stressed on the guarantees, Siddaramaiah said, "In the last nine months, we have tried to give justice to deprived classes through guarantees. Our schemes are helping crores of people and empowering the poor to come out of the BPL status," he added.

As he was delivering his speech, opposition members walked out, alleging that the chief minister's speech was a political speech and not a reply to the governor's address.

Continuing, Siddaramaiah said his government allocated Rs 36,000 crore for guarantee schemes last year and increased it to Rs 52,000 crore this financial year. "We did it for the poor and backward class people. Beneficiaries are happy, but opposition parties call them freebies. I am happy that our guarantee schemes have helped



Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addresses the Assembly in Vidhana Soudha, as Speaker UT Khader looks on, in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

many, cutting across caste and religion lines," he said.

Ever since the guarantee schemes were implemented, over 60 lakh women have travelled freely, Rs 8,553 crore of the Rs 10,225 crore kept for Anna bhagya has been spent, 1.18 crore women heads of families

have received Rs 2,000 per month and many more. "Most importantly, there is no middleman in this," he said.

When Opposition parties termed it "Siddanomics", the chief minister said he does not know about it, but all he knows is good economics which he did

through guarantees. "Because of these, economic stability has been good," he claimed.

He said BJP never came to power in the state of its own strength. Right from BS Yediyurappa, Jagadish Shettar, DV Sadananda Gowda to Basavaraj Bommai, they all chose Operation Kamala to come to power through the backdoor. "We did justice as an opposition party too and never lied like the BJP," he said. The BJP government, which was filled with hatred, never moved, he alleged.

He said that BJP's governance was always anti-Dalit, anti-backward classes, anti-minority, anti-farmers, anti-labour and anti-women.

Slamming the Centre for not releasing the state's share of taxes, he said, "We pay Rs 100 as tax and in return they give us only Rs 13. They have not released funds for drought relief, though we have sent many letters and met them personally," he said. He alleged that the Centre did not provide required rice to the state for the Anna Bhagya scheme, because of which the state government is giving money instead of additional 5 kg of rice to the beneficiaries.



Members of Chitradurga Bar Association stage a protest against the Ramanagara police, in Chitradurga on Tuesday | EXPRESS

## Ramanagara lawyers seek action against sub-inspector

ENS @ Bengaluru

DEMANDING the suspension of a police sub-inspector for allegedly booking a false case against 40 lawyers, Ramanagara advocates are carrying out a protest at the DC's office. Meanwhile, Dalit organisations also staged a protest demanding to register a case under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act against the advocates.

Trouble started with an advocate, Chand Pasha, allegedly posting derogatory remarks against a judge of the Varanasi court for allowing Hindus to worship in the basement of Gyanvapi mosque. As he was a member of the Ramanagara

Advocates' Association, which received petitions to remove him from the membership, the lawyers' body had convened a meeting on February 6 to decide on the date to hold a meeting to take a decision. Meanwhile, members of various organisations went to the district advocates' office where the meeting was being held to request not to take any action against Pasha. There was allegedly an altercation between the advocates and the visitors.

BN Srivatsa, president, advocates association, filed a complaint against Pasha, and Ijor police registered an FIR against Pasha and 40 others. On February 7, Rafiq Khan filed a complaint against 10 advocates and 25-30 unknown

persons stating that the advocates manhandled and abused them when they had gone to submit a petition to the association requesting not to take any action against Pasha. An FIR was registered on this complaint too and both the cases were registered by PSI Syed Tanveer Hussain R.

The advocates protested in front of DC's office on Monday demanding the PSI's suspension for allegedly registering fake case against 40 advocates. They continued the protest on Monday night and Tuesday night.

The Advocates' Association of Bengaluru has planned a rally from City Civil Court to Vidhana Soudha on Thursday and Ramanagara advocates will also join them.

### BYPOLL TEST

## Congress' Puttanna elected MLC for 5th time

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru

CONGRESS leader Puttanna has been elected MLC from Bangalore Teachers Constituency for the fifth time by defeating AP Ranganath, who contested as an NDA candidate fielded by the BJP-JDS alliance. The results of the bypoll were announced on Tuesday.

Puttanna had won three times as a JDS and once as a BJP nominee. This time, he is elected as a Congress nominee. The bypoll was necessitated, after he quit as BJP MLC on March 16, 2023, to contest the May 10, 2023, Assembly polls on a Congress ticket. He lost to BJP leader Suresh Kumar in Rajajinagar Assembly constituency.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said the election result showed that the voters have not accepted the BJP-JDS alliance. The CM also said Puttanna's victory in the bypoll showed voters' confidence in the government.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said Puttanna's victory in the bypoll is just the beginning and the results indicate the mood among the voters ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

Shivakumar said before the polls, the JDS and BJP leaders had described the MLC election as an indicator for the Lok Sabha polls and now the voters have given their verdict. Puttanna had won from the same seat as a BJP nominee, but the party had left the seat to JDS in this election, the DCM said.

## TN, Kerala too relocate elephants, but we don't seek compensation: Officials

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE communication of Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre to Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi that on the latter's advice, Rs 15 lakh compensation has been given to the family of a man killed by an elephant in Kerala has been questioned by officials from the department and experts.

Along the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, the state shares 79 km boundary with Wayanad and along Nagarhole, 40 km. "Elephants are free animals and they know no political boundaries. For Khandre to agree to an advice from the MP shows what they are thinking. In the letter, Khandre has acknowledged that forest boundaries are shrinking," said an expert working closely with the government.

An official, seeking anonymity, said the mahana (tuskless male) wandering in Wayanad has been identified as one from Karnataka, as it is radio collared. "But that does not mean Karnataka owns it. This is the language of agitated and uneducated villagers. They tell us take your elephant or tiger

away, when there is crop loss or death. But politicians too talking a similar language is uncalled for," he added.

Another official pointed out that elephants from Kerala and Tamil Nadu too wander into Karnataka, but they are not radio collared. "We ascertain the information through camera



trap images. Recently, an elephant captured and released from Coimbatore killed a man in Karnataka. The state forest department captured the elephant and shifted it to a camp. In another case, an elephant sent from Kerala to Ramapura camp in Bandipur died enroute. The postmortem found that it died of a heart attack. We did not ask for compensation. Around 80 elephants have been radio collared," he added.

"We have regular meetings with Kerala and Tamil Nadu officials on wildlife management. The talk of Karnataka animal straying never came up," said another official.

"An inquiry must be conducted on whether the release of the elephant from a conflict zone was appropriate and the actual measures on the ground to track the released elephant were in place. A review of the implementation of the specific directions of the High Court in the major judgment on elephants must be conducted," said Praveen Bhargav, Trustee - Wildlife First.

## 'Jumbo attack relief will set bad precedent'

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OPPOSITION Leader R Ashoka asked if Karnataka is the property of the Congress party to release Karnataka taxpayers' money on the advice of Kerala MPs.

A senior forest department official also expressed concern saying such a decision would set a bad precedent. "Only because the elephant was radio-collared by the Karnataka Forest Department, the state is paying for it...Karnataka has radio-collared many elephants and they are roaming free in the neighbouring states. With this case, should compensation

be paid to other states if there are similar untoward incidents?" he said, not wanting to be named, and pointing out that compensations to hundreds of farmers who suffered crop damage and losses were still pending and there are anomalies with salaries to be paid to the staffers of the elephant task force.

According to a statement issued by the department, a tuskless male (Makana) elephant had been captured in Belur taluk of Hassan district on November 30, 2023, and then radio-collared and translocated to the Bandipur Forest area. After

more than two months, it had strayed into Chatigadha in Wayanad district of Kerala, where, on February 10, a man named Ajeesh (47) was killed by the elephant. "The elected representatives and Government of Kerala requested the Karnataka Government to be largehearted and pay compensation," the statement said. After minister Khandre discussed with the CM, they decided to pay the compensation of Rs 15 lakh to Ajeesh's family at par with any citizen of Karnataka, while full compensation to the victim in Hassan district is still pending.



Senior BJP leaders Basavaraj Bommai, BY Vijayendra and R Ashoka at the Assembly session on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

The police is acting like a 'middleman' who failed to register a case against Chand Pasha, but eagerly did the same against the 40 lawyers. Pasha has many cases against him

R Ashoka, LoP

## BJP wants lawyer expelled for derogatory comments

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru

BJP members created a ruckus in the Assembly, demanding suspension of the police sub-inspector of Ramanagara, after he lodged an FIR against 40 lawyers. The members also demanded that the cases against the lawyers be withdrawn.

The members stormed into the well and demanded that Chand Pasha, the lawyer who allegedly posted derogatory statements against the judge in the Gyanvapi case and Hindus, instead be exterminated.

Raising the issue during the Zero Hour, Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka said that after Pasha posted derogatory statements against the judge and the Hindus, apart from the BJP, the

Ramanagara Bar Association approached police, who did not file a case. They sent a notice on the behalf of the bar association too.

"Pasha is associated with the PFI and his supporters barged into the bar association office, where there was an exchange of words. They also lodged a complaint against 40 lawyers, with the PSI registering an FIR as well. The police is acting like a 'middleman' who failed to register a case against Chand Pasha, but eagerly did the same against the 40 lawyers. Pasha has many cases against him," Ashoka said.

Now, a large number of lawyers are protesting across the state. Before the matter gets out of hand, the government should intervene, he appealed.

## Kannada Language Bill passes Council test

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
@ Bengaluru

THE Kannada Language Comprehensive Development (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was passed in the State Legislative Council on Tuesday. The Bill which makes it mandatory for all commercial establishments to have 60 per cent of the signboards in Kannada was earlier passed in the Legislative Assembly.

Responding to the debate on the Bill in the Council, Kannada, and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi said the Enforcement Wing will be constituted to enforce the provisions of the Bill across the state.

Fine will be imposed on those violating the provisions of the law and they may even lose their trade licences, the minister said and added that

the commercial establishments will also have to put up a dashboard indicating the number of Kannadigas working in those establishments.

During the debate, BJP and Congress members suggested the government strictly enforce the law and also withdraw cases booked against members of pro-Kannada organisations. Tangadagi informed the Council members that he would discuss the same with the Home Minister and Chief Minister.

The minister sought cooperation from the BJP members in getting classical language status for Kannada and also more funds from the Centre to take up activities to promote the language.

Injustice has been done to the state in the devolution of taxes and also for the language, he said.

## Govt decision on NRI issues likely today

ENS @ Bengaluru

PRIORITISING issues related to NRIs and concerns over them becoming the target of fraud and cheating figured in the Legislative Council on Tuesday with JDS MLC BM Farooq pointing out that a 1.3 crore strong diaspora from Karnataka is living abroad and seeking a separate department like in Telangana and Kerala to look into their issues. He said the government should look into the NRIs' concern over remote voting and other issues.

Minister for Minor Irrigation, Science & Technology Bose Raju and Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna said they will inform CM Siddaramaiah and a decision by the government is expected on Wednesday.

The state already has an NRI Forum, headed by Arathi Krishna, which has limited powers. But Kerala has a full fledged department which has a legal wing and is armed with powers to help NRIs, Farooq said. He said he received a memorandum from the Kannadiga NRI community to work on re-integrating Gulf returnees by providing them financial assistance, channelising their resources and expertise and helping them set up projects, ventures and enterprises in Karnataka.

Bose Raju pointed out that children of expats are treated as resident students for entrance tests for medical, management, engineering and other professional courses.

## MODI'S THREAT PILL FORCING OPPN LEADERS TO JOIN NDA: KHARGE

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI  
@ Bidar

AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday expressed his concern over leaders from Congress and constituents of INDIA bloc joining NDA constituents and BJP, despite enjoying power including that of ministers and chief minister.

Launching the Lok Sabha election campaign in the Kalyana Karnataka region from Bidar, his birthplace, Kharge said these leaders are joining NDA either because of threats or

they want to continue in power. He wondered how even a senior leader like HD Deve Gowda, who is 92 and advocated secularism all his life, has now become a part of NDA.

Kharge said he knew full well that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP have hatched a plot to weaken opposition parties by using democratically set up institutions like the Enforcement Directorate, income tax department and Election Commission. A few days ago at a meeting in New Delhi, Kharge asked Modi what medicine he



is giving leaders to attract them to the BJP. Modi, with a smile, told him what could he do if leaders from other parties are joining BJP and NDA voluntarily, Kharge narrated.

In fact, BJP, RSS and Modi

are giving tablets of threats of income tax and ED raids. This fear is forcing prominent leaders from opposition parties to join NDA, he alleged. Kharge said the PM, despite terming Congress a "zero party", is after leaders of opposition parties to join NDA because he knows that zero can become a hero anytime.

He said, "It is necessary for us, who want to protect democracy and the Constitution, to be united and face all threats and to get to power in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections."

He told the people that they will not do any favour by electing Congress to power, but will be doing it to protect democracy and the Constitution.

At a felicitation programme organised by 17 different organisations and few public representatives here to celebrate his 50 years of political life and decennial celebration of bringing Amendment to Article 371 J for Kalyana Karnataka region, Kharge blamed BJP for mixing religion and politics. "If they want to preach religion, they should do it at home or temples.

Religion should not be mixed with politics. You can fool some people some time, but not all of them all the time," he said.

Kharge said he contested the Lok Sabha elections in 2009 only after getting an assurance from party senior leader Sonia Gandhi that if Congress comes back to power, it would amend Article 371 J. "We took a lot of trouble to bring in the Amendment. Sonia Gandhi herself spoke with leaders of many parties to get the amendment passed unanimously in Parliament," he recalled.



## Cotton candy ban soon? K'taka picks samples for tests

Presence of Rhodamine-B, a carcinogen, underscores the need for a blanket ban

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AFTER the detection of Rhodamine-B, a textile dye, in cotton candy, prompting the governments of Puducherry and Tamil Nadu to ban the production and sale of cotton candy, the Karnataka government has also initiated the collection of its samples.

The presence of Rhodamine-B, a carcinogen, underscores the necessity for a blanket ban on cotton candy, especially in Bengaluru, where it is commonly sold outside parks and gardens.

Recently, cotton candy – a popular delicacy among children – was flagged as “very harmful.” The remark was made following tests conducted at a government laboratory in Tamil Nadu that confirmed the presence of Rhodamine-B.

Dr Harishwara, Joint Commissioner of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, (FSSAI), Karnataka said, “Samples of cotton candy have been collected from various locations where it is being sold across the state, including trade fairs, weddings, and parks. A decision on its ban will be made after the test results.”

D Randeep, Health Commissioner said that the Food Safety Commissioner has already started the collection of cotton candy samples. “We will analyse the results. Moreover, from the Health Commissionerate too we will assess the steps to be taken,” he said.

Dr Vivek Belathur, Senior



Consultant Medical Oncology, Fortis Hospital said, “Rhodamine-B, a textile dye is also known to be a carcinogen. It is commonly utilised to impart vibrant colours not only to cotton candy but also to jellies and candies, and unexpectedly, even chilli powder, to add a striking red colour.”

Rhodamine-B enhances the vivid and appealing colour when added to food, which captivates children and even adults. However, its usage has been associated with diseases like cancer. Moreover, the absence of warning labels on products such as jellies and candies often exacerbates the issue, leading people to disregard the potential health risks associated with consuming those items, he said.

Ready-to-eat meals, particularly those containing non-vegetarian ingredients such as curries and noodles, also reportedly contain hidden additives like nitrates, nitrites, and Rhodamine-B to preserve shelf life and enhance colour. Despite not being listed on packaging labels, these substances pose health risks and act as slow poison. Therefore, it is advisable to avoid consuming such foods to prevent health issues, he elaborated.

## Kerala mins' visit to pacify farmers backfires

MANOJ VISWANATHAN  
@Mananthavady

THE visit by three Kerala ministers to Mananthavady in Wayanad to pacify farmers on edge over the spike in human-wildlife conflicts did more harm than good on Tuesday.

Specifically, it was the proposal by Local Self-Government Minister M B Rajesh – who visited the high-ranges

with Forest Minister A K Sasendran and Revenue Minister K Rajan – to restrict cattle rearing along forest fringes that irked farmers, who alleged the move will rob them of their livelihood.

Rajesh, who made the announcement at an all party meeting organised in Sultan Bathery, was actually promoting the forest department's argument that cattle rearing is a

major reason behind tigers straying into human habitations.

Aged tigers and leopards move to forest fringes after losing territory to young blood. And since they cannot chase and catch deer, wild boar, gaurs or other prey due to their age, the cattle prove easy targets. However, cattle rearing is the main income source for farmers. Despite being a

small district with 37 percent forest cover, Wayanad is one of the leading districts in Kerala in milk production, with dairy cooperatives there procuring an average of around 4,750 litres per day, against the state average of 635 litres.

Kerala Independent Farmers Association chairman Alex Ozhukayil alleged the ministers were unaware of the ground realities in Wayanad.

### Union forest min to arrive today

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav will arrive at Wayanad and visit houses of man-animal conflict victims on Wednesday. On Thursday, he will chair a high-level meeting with the local administration and forest officials in the state.

## JSS varsity to launch nano-satellite

SHIVAKUMAR @ Mysuru

JSS Science and Technology University is poised to launch the Ghanam nano-satellite, developed by the students and faculty of JSS STU in collaboration with ISRO, in April 2024.

Weighing 1.25 kilograms and developed at a cost of Rs 1 crore, the satellite is slated to explore medical formulation in space. Vice-Chancellor of JSS STU AN Santhosh Kumar highlighted the pioneering nature

of the mission, underscoring the absence of data on the efficacy of medicines or tablets in space. He said the satellite will help know the stability of drugs in micro-gravity and observe changes, in the space. He said that the satellite is developed to study medical applications, and students and staff will monitor the data and interpret it at the JSS campus in Mysuru.

Originally slated for launch in Nov 2023, the project encountered delays due to importation of a few components from Russia,

which escalated the project cost from Rs 80 lakh to Rs 1 crore. We are also thankful to former ISRO Chairman Kirankumar, SJCE alumni's Roopa and others who have provided invaluable guidance and support in developing the satellite, he said.



## Goldsmith killed over illicit affair

ENS @ Bengaluru

A 48-year-old goldsmith was murdered in a moving car in Halasuru Gate police station limits over his alleged illicit relationship with his sister-in-law. Police have taken the victim's co-brother and three others into custody in connection with the murder.

Mohammed Akhtar Ali, a resident of NT Pet, went missing. His wife suspected the involvement of Shahaaz, Ali's co-brother. Ali was allegedly in an illicit relationship with Shahaaz wife.

### Pathetic condition of NH-75 forces motorists to take detour via Mysuru

Mangaluru: The deplorable state of the Mangaluru-Bengaluru National Highway (NH-75) in Hassan and Dakshina Kannada districts, coupled with the slow progress of widening works, has forced numerous regular commuters to opt for a detour via Mysuru. While it takes a minimum 8 hours to cover the 350 kilometres on NH75, it requires about 8.30 hours to travel via Mysuru. The route via Mysuru gained favour among commuters after the inauguration of limited-access highway between Bengaluru and Mysuru, which drastically reduced travel time between these cities approximately a year ago. Anoop Kudva, a resident of Guttigere in Bengaluru, who commutes to Mangaluru twice a month, said the last time he travelled on NH-75 was in October. Despite the additional 25 kilometres, he prefers the road via Mysuru as the journey is smoother, saving considerably on car maintenance expenses. The deteriorating condition of this highway has prompted a lot of vehicles with Mangaluru, Puttur and Udipi registration to opt for the Mysuru route in recent months.

## Minister lauds Gowri, but well dug by her closed

SUBHASH CHANDRAN S  
@Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)

A DAY after District Minister Mankal Vaidya met Gowri Naik, 53, who made headlines by digging a well all alone in an Anganwadi school to meet water shortage, the Sirsi taluk administration officials descended on the school in the cover of darkness and closed the well with tin sheets. The school is situated in Ganesh Nagar on the outskirts of Sirsi.

The primary reason for the minister's visit to Sirsi is said to be to meet Gowri whose efforts he praised. “In my district, Anganwadi schools do



The well dug by Gowri Naik is being closed by workers.

not have water. I am ensuring supply of sufficient water. She has done a good job. She has showed that even women can dig wells. I request her to stop it,” he said after felicitating her. However, an undeterred Gowri said that she will complete the digging work and the government can later on do what they want to.

### EXPRESS READ

### Kodagu residents file petition in High Court over wildlife artefacts surrender notification

Madikeri: A writ petition filed by Kodagu residents in connection with surrendering wildlife trophies to the Karnataka Forest department before April, is being heard at the High Court. An interim stay order has been passed in this regard and the next hearing will be on March 18. Two residents from Kodagu – P Ranji Poonacha and K Kuttappa – had filed a writ petition and the case is being argued by advocate Somanna KP. The petitioners contend that the state government's notice is illegal. They argued that the Wildlife provision Act would not be attracted in the absence of the existence of a wild animal corresponding to the possession of wildlife articles.

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NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding E-Auction on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” on 12/03/2024, for recovery of **Rs.84,32,041/-** (Rupees Eighty Four Lakh Thirty Two Thousand and Forty One Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. J R Paneer and Mrs. Sharadamma (Borrowers) and Mrs. P Kotteshwari (Guarantor)**, as on 20/02/2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon.  
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**EAST : 45 feet;**  
**WEST : 68 feet;**  
**NORTH : 24 feet + 34 feet 9 inches;**  
**SOUTH : 50 feet;**  
**Totally measuring in all 3100 Square feet;**

**NISSAR AHMED, Advocate**  
No.10, Millers Road, Benson Town, Bangalore : 560 046.  
Dated : 21.02.2024 Place : Bangalore

**SBI**  
**GOLD AUCTION**  
The below mentioned borrower availed loan from our bank by pledging gold ornament. Despite several notices sent requesting to repayment of the loan dues, borrower has not paid. As per guidelines of our bank i.e., State Bank of India it is decided to conduct public auction at respective Yeshwantpur Branch premises on 28.02.2024 Tuesday at 3.00 PM to 4.00 PM. For sale of the Gold Ornaments. If liabilities of the bank are outstanding even after adjustment of the amount received through auction, necessary Legal action will be initiated against the borrower to recover the remaining dues. If the said customer is deceased then this auction notice will be applicable to the legal heirs of the customers. If notice not received or rejected this publication will be treated as final notice to the borrower.

| Loan A/c No. | Borrowers Name                                                                               | Present Out Standing Amount                                         | Gross Weight                             |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 41350871268  | Mr.Vanunessa S/o Nagegowda No.56/1, 1st Main Road, Gongatagallu, Bengaluru-560022 9663548380 | Rs.88,690/- as on 30.01.2024 + interest & incidental expenses etc., | 1 line chain (without Hook) 30.100Grams. |

**Terms and Conditions:-** 1) The interest persons in participating the auction shall deposit an amount of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) in the name of “State Bank of India, Yeshwantpur Branch” through DD/Banker's Cheque in the Bank's Offices and Participate in the auction, 2) The successful bidder of the auction will have to pay the remaining bid amount exclusive of E.M.D immediately and the E.M.D deposited by the unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded to them, 3) The decision of bank regarding acceptance of bid shall be final, binding and will not be open to question, 4) Bank has the right to change the rules & regulations of the Auction, also bank has right to cancel the auction at any stage. Date: 20.02.2024 Place: Yeshwantpur Sd/- Authorised Officer State Bank of India

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CIN: L85101KL1929PLC001017  
Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #51, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore - 560 005. Tel./ Fax No. : +91 80-25473091/ 92 E-mail: [rs101@sbil.co.in](mailto:rs101@sbil.co.in) Website: [www.southindianbank.com](http://www.southindianbank.com)

RO-BNGL/108/SALE/295/2023-24 Date : 20.02.2024

### E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6)&9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower/guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Bangalore-Brigade Road (Secured Creditor), the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on “as is where is” basis, “as is what is” and “whatever there is” condition on 29.03.2024 or recovery of an amount of **Rs.79,70,294.34 (Rupees Seventy Nine Lakh Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Four and paise thirty four Only)** as on 19.02.2024 with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore – Brigade Road (Secured Creditor), from the above mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s). (1) **Mr. Iwan Pereira**, 103, First Floor, PVR Tower, Chinnappa Lane, ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, 560005. (2) **Mr. Manuel Pereira**, 103, First Floor, PVR Tower, Chinnappa Lane, ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, 560005. (3) **Mrs. Ruphina Pereira**, 103, First Floor, PVR Tower, Chinnappa Lane, ITC Colony, Cox Town, Jeevanahalli Main Road, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka, 560005.

**Name of Property Owner : Mr. Manuel Pereira & Mrs. Ruphina Pereira**  
**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

All that part and parcel of residential apartment bearing No. FF-103 in the First floor of the Apartment building called “PVR TOWERS”, having a super built up area of 1073 Sq.ft with 458 sq. ft of UDS on land, right, title and interest and rights over common areas and facilities along with one covered car parking space bearing no. 103 in the 5th Floor, constructed on the Property bearing Municipal No. 12 (Old Nos. 12 & 12/1-3, still earlier No. 126), along with all other constructions, improvements, easementary rights existing and appurtenant thereon situated in PID. No. 86-77-12/11 at Jeevanahalli Doddi Guntla, Cox Town, Civil Station, BBMP Municipal Ward No. 86, New Ward No. 59. Bangalore Taluk, Bengaluru District and owned by **Mr. Manuel Pereira & Mrs. Ruphina Pereira**, more fully described in Sale Deed No. 518/2010-2011 dated 06-07-2010 of SRO, Ulsoor, Bangalore and the land bounded on, North : Road East: Private Property South: Lakshmaiah's House West: Mutual Apartment.

|                             |                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Reserve Price               | Rs. 64,01,500.00/- (Rupees Sixty Four Lakh One Thousand and Five Hundred Only)                                                            |
| Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Rs. 6,40,150.00/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Only) EMD shall be deposited on or before 27.03.2024 till 5.00 PM |
| Bid Increment amount        | Rs.10,000.00 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)                                                                                                   |

Date and time of E-auction: 29.03.2024 from 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)

Encumbrances known to the Bank: Nil

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. [www.southindianbank.com](http://www.southindianbank.com). Details also available at [info@bankauctions.in](mailto:info@bankauctions.in). For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact Mr. Siddesh - 9740866232.

Date : 20.02.2024 Place : Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer The South Indian Bank Ltd.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
**E-Tender Notification**  
**This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/2023-24/5054/6537/Dated: 20-02-2024**  
On 20-02-2024 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal tender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No. 7228 Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated: 29-02-2024 (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>.  
Sd/- (Mahabalesappa.K) Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri  
DIPR/Dharwad/481/ DeshpandePublicity/2023-24

**केनरा बैंक Canara Bank**  
Doddakanahalli Branch, No. 9, Commercial Complex, Rainbow Drive Layout, Doddakanahalli, Carmelaram, Sarjapur Main Road, Bangalore - 560 035. Ph: 080-2844 1577, M-98215056404, e-mail: [cb2757@canarabank.com](mailto:cb2757@canarabank.com)

### SALE NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Doddakanahalli Branch** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on “As is where is”, “As is what is”, and “Whatever there is” on 28/03/2024 from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. for recovery of **Rs 98,10,377.48** interest from 19.02.2024 due to **Doddakanahalli Branch** of Canara Bank from **1.Mr Ramanagowda Bevinahalli**, S/o Lakkappa, No 461, Sri Anantha Padmanabh Nilaya, Behind Govt School, Kadabagere, Bangalore 560072, **2.Basamma Bevinahalli**, W/o Ramanagowda Bevinahalli, No 461, Sri Anantha Padmanabh Nilaya, Behind Govt School, Kadabagere, Bangalore 560072. The reserve price will be **Rs.96,77,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 9,67,700/-** The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 25/03/2024 upto 4 pm.

**Description of the immovable property**  
All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No 302, in the second Floor of Residential Complex Now Known as “KRANTHI ENCLAVE” with 1650 sqft of Super Built-up area, Consisting of two bed room, one Hall, One Kitchen, three balconies, two Bath Rooms together with 310 Sq ft of Undivided Share, title, right and interest and co-ownership rights in the land described in the schedule “A” property, along with one covered car parking space provided in Stilt Floor, together with proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, lifts staircase and other areas of common use.

**Annexure -I : Description of the full land where flat is being constructed :-** All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property being an Eastern Portion of Site/ Building Bearing No 1 Formed in land in Sy No 16/2 of Yelenahalli Village Begur Hobli Bangalore South Taluk (Duly Converted for the purpose of Non Agricultural residential purpose in order No B.DIS. ALN (S) 145/1999-2000, Dated 24.04.2000, issued by deputy commissioner, Bangalore District. Now comes within the limit of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Begur Ward No 192 of Yelenahalli Bangalore and BBMP has assigned BBMP Khata No 2259/ 2291, admeasuring East to West on Northern Side 75 feet, on southern side 55 feet, and North to South on Eastern Side 116 feet, on western Side 146 feet, in all measuring 85215 sqft Bounded as: East by : Private Property, West by : Western portion of site No. 1, North by : Private Property, South by : Road.

EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, **Doddakanahalli Branch**, Bangalore OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 209272434, Canara Bank, **Doddakanahalli Branch**, Bangalore, Bangalore RTGS/ NEFT CODE CNRB0002757 on or before 25.03.2024 upto 4.00 pm. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer service providers Website : <https://indianbankseuction.com> or may contact or may contact **Canara Bank, Doddakanahalli Branch** Ph. No. 080-28441577/ M-9821505640 email: [cb2757@canarabank.com](mailto:cb2757@canarabank.com) during office hours on any working day OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore, Contact No:9832952602/080-23469665, Email Id: [eauction@cscl.co.in](mailto:eauction@cscl.co.in).

Place: Bengaluru Sd/-  
Date: 20.02.2024 Authorised Officer Canara Bank











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— Ramnath Goenka

## BYJU'S WOES SHOW FAILURE TO ADJUST TO POST-COVID REALITY

**T**ROUBLED edtech firm Byju's has been thrown a lifeline by disgruntled investors who have so far pledged to contribute \$300 million to allow it to continue operations. The rights issue, expected to close by the end of the month, has valued the company at \$200-250 million—a meltdown of about 95 percent from Byju's peak valuation of \$22 billion. The bailout has come not a day too soon, but it may not be enough to reverse the downward trajectory. Byju's has just vacated 4 lakh sq feet of prime commercial space in Bengaluru's Prestige Tech Park to save ₹4 crore in monthly rentals. The firm has also been served notice by Kalyani Developers for a rent default on another 5 lakh sq ft of office space.

Over the last few years, the company Think and Learn, founded by Byju Raveendran, has been steadily sinking. Creditors have taken over a Byju's subsidiary in Singapore; other lenders have gone to court in Delaware in the US alleging the promoters had surreptitiously parked \$533 million in an obscure hedge fund. The company has not yet filed its 2022-23 results; it has only recently filed its 2021-22 financials. What it showed was that though the revenue increased to ₹5,300 crore, the net loss surged 81 percent to ₹8,245 crore, or about \$1 billion. The company is struggling to pay salaries and incensed investors are now demanding the promoters' exit.

It is true that the start-up environment has become tougher as funding has dried up. Swiggy, Flipkart and many other e-commerce and delivery-based businesses are facing the heat and being forced to downsize operations. However, in Byju's case, it was the inability to reconfigure its business model to a changing market. Online learning, Byju's USP, thrived in the work-from-home environment of the pandemic. But as the Covid conditions abated, parents and students went back to the offline mode. Long-term subscriptions were terminated and the earlier cutting-edge online teaching methods deteriorated. Moreover, Byju's splurged over \$1.5 billion of investor money to acquire expensive subsidiaries such as WhiteHat Jr. These only added to its losses. Significantly, the only profitable outfit in the Byju's stable is Akash Educational Services, which had an offline teaching profile. There are many takeaways from the Byju's story—the most important being that start-up promoters and investors must be more flexible in a volatile, changing business environment.

## TELUGU POLL WARS ON BIG SCREEN TOO

**A**S election fever grips Andhra Pradesh, the entertainment quotient of politics is on the rise too. No, we are not talking of the myriad debates on news channels—though, in the eyes of many, they are more entertaining than educative. Complementing politics is cinema. The ruling YSRC and opposition TDP are not only exchanging the choicest of epithets and mobilising supporters, but are also seeking to influence the electorate through the powerful medium of films. We have at least four films that directly deal with the political players of the day. If *Yatra 2*, and director Ram Gopal Varma's *Vyoham* and *Sapatham* show Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy in a favourable light, the *Amaravathi Files*, ostensibly hopes to highlight the plight of farmers after the YSRC came to power in 2019. TDP supporters believe the latter will indirectly help their party.

The relationship between movies and politics is not new. It is as old as cinema itself. Lenin, Hitler, Hollywood, Bollywood and many of our regional film industries have all used the medium to manipulate public opinion. In the Telugu states, during matinee idol N T Rama Rao's era, a few movies were made to discredit him too. Do these political movies have the desired impact? They generate interest for sure but the outcome is not assured. Nonetheless, both the ruling YSRC and TDP appear to take them seriously. Both sides have gone to the court to stay the films' release. The courts have cleared the films for release, which we think is right. These are not the times when people would be so naïve as to believe everything in a movie. Still, political parties are worried the films could influence neutral voters.

Ours is a democracy and if filmmakers operate within the law, none should have any problem. Besides, there is a mechanism in place to scrutinise the content. Ultimately, cinema is a narrative and the better one will win—the people will decide whether to appreciate or reject the films. Amid this war of the movies, Tollywood superstar and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan is missing in action on screen. The TDP ally has at least three movies up his sleeve, but none to hit the screens before the elections. It is an irony, considering that his ally and opponent are using the medium that he is good at.

### QUICK TAKE

#### ATTRACTING HIGH-PAYING JOBS

**T**AMIL Nadu has come up with an innovative plan to create high-paying jobs. The state, already host to a tenth of the country's global capability centres (GCC), wants to attract more of them. It has proposed payroll subsidies for the first three years of each GCC job paying more than ₹1 lakh a month. GCCs provide decent jobs to large cohorts and support the real estate market. The scheme comes at a time joblessness is growing as a problem at both ends of the salary spectrum and the tech slump has added to the woes. Other states will do well to pay close attention to the Tamil Nadu scheme.

**I**NDIRA Gandhi had famously said, "Corruption is a global phenomenon." Sadly, whenever the vexed issue of corruption figured prominently in our national discourse, people either avoided discussing it elaborately or tried to find an alibi to hide the real reason. There are very few who might have attempted to meet this menace head-on. Narendra Modi, arguably, is one such prime minister.

In his recent address to BJP's national office-bearers in the capital, Modi referred to his 23-year-long tenure in leadership positions—as Gujarat chief minister and then as PM—as *aarop mukt* and *vikas yukt* (allegation-free and development-oriented).

This can be considered a statement of fact, as almost every predecessor of this prime minister have faced allegations of indulgence in corruption. It started with Jawaharlal Nehru. The Santhanam Committee in 1962, appointed by Lal Bahadur Shastri, pointed to the fact that ministers had enriched themselves illegitimately through nepotism. The government of India tried its best to shield its ministers. V K Krishna Menon, the high commissioner to Britain in the late 1940s, bypassed protocol to sign a deal worth ₹80 lakh with a foreign firm for buying army jeeps. While most of the money was paid upfront, only a part of the contracted volume was supplied. But the likes of Krishna Menon were not pulled up.

Indira Gandhi's tenure, too, was marred by allegations of corruption. Tulmohan Ram and Rustom Sohrab Nagarwala were two prominent scams during her tenure. Tulmohan Ram, a Congress MP, was indicted in a corruption case relating to issuance of licences from the then foreign trade ministry led by Lalit Narain Mishra, a minister who also faced allegations of corruption.

Later, Rajiv Gandhi's five-year tenure became infamous for the Bofors case. Rajiv Gandhi was among those who were accused of receiving kickbacks estimated to be running into crores. When he was PM, Morarji Desai too faced allegations of protecting his son Kanti Desai, who was allegedly involved in financial irregularities.

During his five-year tenure, P V Narasimha Rao's son Prabhakar Rao faced allegations of involvement in a 'urea scam'. Although the CBI's May 1996 chargesheet did not name him, it did mention his close relatives and associates.

Manmohan Singh's tenure of 10 years was marked by possibly the highest number of scams. Some of the leaders who are now part of INDI Alliance had at that time al-

Modi's war on nepotistic leadership and his efforts at inspiring bureaucrats set him apart. His career shows it's possible to walk a different path in public life

## HOW TO STAY UNBLEMISHED AND PRO-DEVELOPMENT

VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE

President, ICCR, and senior BJP leader



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leged that realty major DLF had sweetened land and financial deals for Robert Vadra, Congress chief and UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law, in exchange for favours from the Congress governments in Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan.

While Atal Bihari Vajpayee's tenure is counted as an exception, the tenures of other prime ministers including Charan Singh, Chandra Shekhar, Deve Gowda and I K Gujral were too brief to be assessed on the count of corruption.

It is on this setting that Prime Minister Modi's description of his tenure as *aarop mukt* and *vikas yukt* merits deeper analysis. There are two important aspects of his tenure. First, it is his refusal to compromise on the count of nepotism. Second, his assiduous efforts to motivate officialdom to be-

come stakeholders in national development. These two aspects are remarkable among his overall strategic approaches.

PM Modi's war on nepotism is not confined to his strong criticism of family-centric political parties. His criticism comes from the courage of conviction. There is a substantial body of evidence to suggest that family-centric parties are not just often bereft of ideology, but also of any distinctive policy approach. Dynastic parties, generally speaking, lack the ability to add value to governance when in power. And most importantly, their cadres face an acute crisis of purpose all along. History shows that from the Telugu Desam to Shiv Sena and from the Akali Dal to Nationalist Congress, most family-centric parties have faced vertical divisions, further adding to

## GIVE SOUTHERN STATES THEIR FAIR SHARE OF TAX REVENUES

P WILSON

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nidhi Stalin, a vocal critic of this perceived disparity, questioned Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on the issue and called for fairness for the southern states. In line with these concerns, I raised a question in parliament during the last session, seeking



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For every rupee paid in taxes to the Centre between 2018-19 and 2022-23, Tamil Nadu received only 26 paise on average, Karnataka 19 paise, Kerala 62 paise, Andhra Pradesh 50 paise and Telangana 40 paise. In contrast, Uttar Pradesh received ₹2.02 for every rupee it paid during the same period, Madhya Pradesh got ₹1.70 and Rajasthan received ₹1.14

detailed data on GST, direct and indirect taxes paid by states to the Union government, as well as on the funds allocated to each state as part of central taxes over the last five years.

To my shock, the data provided by the Union finance ministry on February 6 as answer to my question No 362 revealed that while Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana and Kerala collectively contributed over ₹22.26 lakh crore through GST and direct taxes (excluding GST) in the past five years, only ₹6.42 lakh crore has been devolved. In stark contrast, Uttar Pradesh contributed only

₹3.41 lakh crore during the same period and was allocated a whopping ₹6.91 lakh crore.

I have asked whether the government has considered changing the allocation formula to address the concerns of disparity. No answer has been provided to the question, contrary to the Rajya Sabha rules stipulating that answers to questions by members should be specific and complete.

Furthermore, when examining the proportion of central taxes and duties released to states, for every rupee paid in GST and direct tax, Tamil Nadu on average between 2018-19 and 2022-23 received only 26 paise, Karnataka 19 paise, Kerala 62 paise, Andhra Pradesh 50 paise, and Telangana 40 paise. In fact, Tamil Nadu's share has fallen from 27 paise to 24 paise between 2018-19 and 2022-23, Karnataka's from 22 paise to 12 paise, Telangana's from 60 paise to 31 paise, Kerala from 81 paise to 50 paise, and Andhra Pradesh from 56 paise to 49 paise.

In contrast, Uttar Pradesh received a considerable ₹2.02 for every rupee paid to the Union government, Madhya Pradesh got ₹1.70 and Rajasthan got ₹1.14. This clearly portrays the disparity between the southern states and some of the northern states.

These south Indian states receive approximately 25 percent of the share of what they contribute, whereas states such as Uttar Pradesh are allotted more than 200 percent. I am not suggesting that a large portion of the share should not be given to Uttar Pradesh or other northern states. My only concern is why the southern states are being given a lower allocation—why the bias towards them?

Why are the southern states being punished for implementing good policies including measures to control population growth? It is high time that the allocation formula was re-considered and the southern states given their fair shares, as demanded by the southern leaders. (Views are personal)

fragmentation of our polity. Recently in the Lok Sabha, PM Modi explained that multiple members of one family in a party is alright, but he opposes tooth and nail the phenomenon of one single family in total control of a political party.

This avowed opposition remains the foundation of his war on nepotism. PM Modi's family members too have remained away from political power. Neither has the PM's mother abandoned her spartan lifestyle and simple house, nor are his brothers anywhere close to the seat of power in a bid to serve their self-interest. This helps PM Modi acquire a kind of moral authority, superior to his political authority. Such moral authority—something extremely rare in today's society and politics—makes Modi stand apart. The prime minister's war on nepotism has added to the clean character of his almost quarter-century career; prompting him to describe it as being free from allegations.

The other notable aspect—Modi's ability to motivate government officials—also partly comes from the strength of the first factor, the war on nepotism. PM Modi has made relentless efforts to motivate babus to perform better and give results. While in Gujarat, Modi had started a *Karmayogi* training campaign, earnestly appealing to bureaucrats that they must not consider themselves as just *karmacharis* but as *karmayogis*.

The prime minister is known for his continued efforts to build rapport with various officials. His unique initiatives, like Chintan Shivir and Swanta Sukhay, were remarkable in their objective to ensure that officials put their hearts and minds in their assignments, taking complete ownership of the project. The Modi government must also be credited for establishing the Capacity Building Commission of India, an independent body to take care of motivational, functional and skill training work for government officials. On the other hand, by aggressively pursuing the concept of lateral entry into bureaucracy, the prime minister gave a message that the government has other human resource options as well.

So when PM Modi describes his tenure as *aarop mukt* and *vikas yukt*, there is abundant evidence on the ground to substantiate it. This also negates the established impression that it is a luxury to remain spotless and unblemished in public life. Some believe that only those who do nothing and remain passive are able to afford this luxury PM Modi has rightly established that one can be proactive all along and still continue to be unblemished.

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#### Choosing formats

Ref: Red-ball cricket: Choice should be with players (Feb 20). Forcing players to participate in the Ranji Trophy cricket tournament is not appropriate and could lead to below-par performance. The BCCI should respect the choices made by players. When they are allowed to specialise in their format of choice, it could lead to optimum performance. Only a player-centric system can keep the future of Indian cricket shining. **IbneFarooq, Mumbai**

#### Reduce tournaments

The BCCI should avoid tightly packing a cricketer's itinerary with tournaments. This will hurt their fitness and consequently their performance. Also, many cricketers today are trying to avoid domestic tournaments in favour of the lucrative IPL. This trend needs to be arrested. **Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru**

#### Freebie temptation

Ref: Odisha should desist from fiscal largesse (Feb 20). Odisha's ruling Biju Janata Dal has lined up freebies ahead of the elections to win over public support. Freebies may help the government win the election but could lead to the weakening of the state's finances, leading to a situation where the state government will have to knock on the Centre's door for funds. **Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha**

#### TN schemes

Ref: Govt blows poll bugle, courts youth, marginalised in budget (Feb 20). The Tamil Nadu government's decision to provide Rs1,000 a month to students in Classes 6 to 12 in government schools is good, as it would motivate them to complete higher secondary schooling and decrease the number of dropouts. Likewise, the mission for a 'hut-free Tamil Nadu' by 2030 also deserves praise. **Rajamani Chelladurai, Tirunelveli**

#### Make compromise

Ref: Farmers reject Centre's offer, set to resume stir (Feb 20). Rejecting the Centre's offer of a guaranteed minimum support price for five crops for five years, farmers have vowed to continue with their protests. This will make life difficult for commuters. The farmers should accept some compromises. **Abhilasha Gupta, Mohali**

#### Address concerns

The protesting farmers are not confident that the deal offered by the government safeguards their interests. Negotiations must yield positive outcomes for both parties. The government must take steps to address the concerns raised by our farmers. **Rochelle M, email**





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A new wave of politics has started in every village. The youth have raised the alarm against nepotism, corruption and appeasement.



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The fault runs through our judicial system. The lower courts in the hierarchy fail and the burden falls upon the higher courts. This must change.



**Sanjay Jha** @JhaSanjay  
After the Chandigarh mayor election verdict and the electoral bonds scam, the BJP's game is over. It ought to be over. A laundry list of disasters, corrupted at the core.

# Acharya Vidyasagar inspired with his commitment to knowledge

A true tapasvi whose life epitomised the ideals of Bhagwan Mahavir, his care towards all living beings mirrored Jainism's profound respect for life



**NARENDRA MODI**  
Prime Minister of India

**S**ANT Shiromani Acharya Vidyasagar Maharaj attained samadhi and left us all saddened. His life was a spiritually rich epoch graced with profound wisdom, boundless compassion and an unwavering commitment to uplift humanity. I have had the honour of receiving his blessings on numerous occasions. Thus, I feel a deep sense of loss, akin to losing a guiding light that has illuminated the path for countless souls, including myself. His warmth, affection and blessings were not just gestures of goodwill but profound transmissions of spiritual energy, empowering and inspiring all those fortunate enough

to have come in contact with him.

Acharya ji will always be remembered as a triveni of wisdom, compassion and service. He was a true tapasvi whose life epitomised the ideals of Bhagwan Mahavir. His life exemplified the core principles of Jainism, embodying its ideals through his actions and teachings. His care towards all living beings mirrored Jainism's profound respect for life. He lived a life of truthfulness, reflecting Jainism's emphasis on honesty in thought, word and deed. He also led a very simple lifestyle. It is due to stalwarts like him that the world continues to be inspired by Jainism and the life of Mahavir. He stood tall among the Jain community, but his impact and influence were not limited to the community. People across faiths, regions and cultures came to him and he worked tirelessly towards spiritual awakening, particularly among the youth.

Education was an area very close to his heart. His journey from Vidyadhar, his childhood name, to Vidyasagar was one of deep commitment to acquiring

and imparting knowledge. It was his firm belief that education is the cornerstone of a just and enlightened society. He championed the cause of knowledge as a means to empower individuals, enabling them to lead lives of purpose and contribution. His teachings emphasised the impor-

we drifted away from the learnings of the past that we were not able to find solutions to key challenges like water scarcity. He also believed that a holistic education is one that focuses on skilling and innovating. He took immense pride in India's linguistic diversity and encouraged youngsters to learn Indian

## Acharya Vidyasagar endorsed linguistic diversity

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Acharya ji himself wrote extensively in Sanskrit, Prakrit and Hindi. The heights he reached as a saint, and how grounded he was on the earth, is seen clearly in his iconic work Mookmat. Through his works, he gave a voice to the downtrodden.

In the domain of healthcare too, Acharya ji's contributions were transformative. He was associated with several efforts, especially in underserved areas. His approach to healthcare was holistic, integrating physical well-being with spiritual wellness, thereby addressing the needs of the person as a whole.

I would especially urge the coming generations to study extensively about Acharya Vidyasagar's commitment to nation building. He would always urge people to rise above any partisan considerations and instead focus on national interest. He was one of the strongest votaries of voting because he saw it as an expression of participation in democratic processes. He advocated healthy as well as clean politics, even saying that policy making has to be about people's welfare, not self-interest — 'Lokneeti is about loksangrah not lobhsangrah'.

He believed that a strong nation is built on the foundation of its citizens' commitment to their duties — towards themselves, their families, society

and the country. He encouraged individuals to cultivate virtues such as honesty, integrity and self-reliance, which he saw as essential for the creation of a just, compassionate and thriving society. This emphasis on duties of great importance as we work towards building a Viksit Bharat.

In an era where environmental degradation is rampant world over, Acharya ji called for a way of life, which would minimise the harm being inflicted on nature. Likewise, he saw a paramount role for agriculture in our economy, also stressing on making agriculture modern as well as sustainable. His work towards reforming jail inmates was also noteworthy.

The beauty of our land is that for thousands of years, our soil has produced greats who have shown light to others and made our society better. Acharya Vidyasagar stands as a towering figure in this illustrious lineage of saints and social reformers. Whatever he did, he did not just for the present but also the future. In November last year, I had the

opportunity to visit the Chandragiri Jain Mandir in Dongargarh in Chhattisgarh. Little did I know that this visit would be my last meeting with Acharya ji. Those moments were very special. He spoke to me for a long time, blessing me for my efforts in serving the nation. He expressed joy on the direction our nation is taking and the respect India is getting on the world stage. He was filled with enthusiasm while talking about the work he was doing. Then and always, his gentle gaze and serene smile were enough to instil a sense of peace and purpose. His blessings felt like a soothing balm on the soul, a reminder of the divine presence within and around us.

Acharya Vidyasagar's void is deeply felt by all who knew him and were touched by his teachings and his life. However, he lives on in the hearts and minds of those he inspired. In honouring his memory, we commit to embodying the values he espoused. In this way, we not only pay tribute to a great soul but also take forward his mission for our country and people.



## Highest French civilian honour for Tharoor

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

CONGRESS MP Shashi Tharoor was on Tuesday conferred the highest French civilian award, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour).

The award was presented by Gérard Larcher, chairman of the French Senate, on behalf of the President of the French Republic, during a ceremony at the Residence of France.

The award was "in recognition of Dr Tharoor's tireless efforts to deepen Indo-French ties, commitment to international peace and cooperation, and as a long-standing friend of France," according to a spokesperson of French Embassy.

"As someone who admires France, its people, their refinement, their language, and their culture, especially their literature and cinema, I am deeply humbled to be conferred the country's highest civilian honour," Tharoor said.

## Sonia, Nadda among 41 MPs elected unopposed to RS

PREETHA NAIR & RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

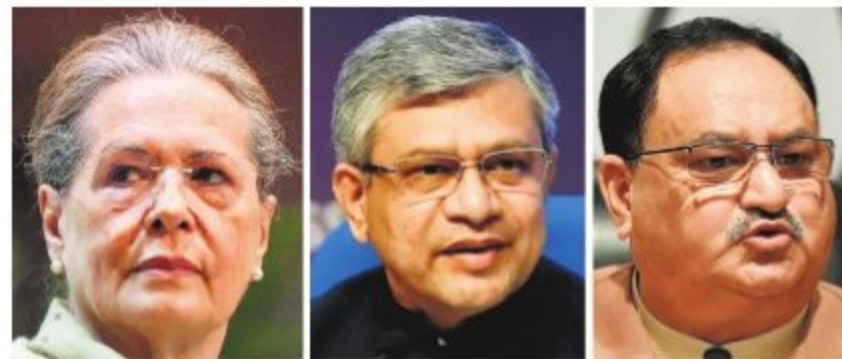
AS the deadline for the withdrawal of candidature for Rajya Sabha elections ended on Tuesday, 41 leaders including Sonia Gandhi, BJP chief JP Nadda and Union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw were elected unopposed to the Upper House. The biennial elections are scheduled on February 27 in 56 seats across 15 states.

However, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka will see a high-pitched contest with the BJP and JD(S) fielding an extra candidate.

The ruling BJP had nominated Nadda and three other candidates, including a prominent diamond merchant, for Rajya Sabha. They have been elected unopposed from Gujarat.

Nadda was earlier been elected to the Upper House for a second term from his home state Himachal Pradesh but this time, BJP had to ensure his election from Gujarat because of the party's insufficient strength in Himachal.

Three other candidates, who have been elected unopposed from Gujarat are diamond baron Govindbhai Dholakia, BJP leaders Jagsvatsinh Parmar and Mayank Nayak. In the same way, Congress nominated Sonia Gandhi from Rajasthan.



With her debut in the House, Congress Parliamentary Party leader Sonia Gandhi will be bidding adieu to her 25-year-long stint in the Lok Sabha. Sonia will be succeeding former PM Manmohan Singh, who is set to retire from the House in April this year. She won the seat from Rajasthan as no other candidate fought the election.

The 77-year-old is currently serving her fifth term in the Lower House, representing Uttar Pradesh's Rae Bareilly constituency. In a letter to voters in Rae Bareilly last week, Sonia had said that she would not contest the upcoming LS polls because of her age and health concerns. The move also sparked speculation of her daughter and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi's LS debut from the family bastion.

Apart from Sonia, BJP's Chhannilal Garasiya and Madan Rathore were also elected unopposed to RS from Rajasthan.

The members who won unopposed to the RS include TMC's Sagarika Ghose, Sushmita Dev, Mamata Bala Thakur and Nadimul Haque.

Meanwhile, UP is set to witness a tough contest with 11 people competing for 10 seats. In Karnataka, five contestants will be locking horns for four seats. In Himachal, the fight will be for its sole seat.

Two BJD candidates, Debashish Samant and Subhashish Khuntia, were also elected unopposed from Odisha. BJD had backed Vaishnaw in the polls.

BJP spokesperson L Murugan was elected unopposed from Madhya Pradesh, along with four others. One Congress candidate also had a free run from the state. BJP's new entrant Ashok Chavan, former MLA Medha Kulkarni and RSS worker Ajit Gopchade were elected without contest from Maharashtra.

## Navy dinner for 7 veterans back from Qatar jail

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

NOTWITHSTANDING that Commander Purnendu Tiwari, one of the eight naval veterans freed by Qatar recently, is yet to return to India, the Directorate of Ex-Servicemen Affairs (DESA) Navy has organised a celebratory dinner for those who are back on March 1.

"The invite includes logistical support (travel and stay) for the seven veterans and their spouses. The officials who are back have accepted the invite. However, it would have been prudent if they had waited for the last veteran to return," said a source privy to the matter.

The Chief of Naval Staff will be hosting the dinner at Kota House, New Delhi, on March 1.

It has been just over a week since the release of the eight naval veterans was announced (February 12) by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Seven of the eight naval veterans who were freed by Qatar returned to Delhi from Doha at around 2 am on February 12.

Meanwhile, the last veteran to return, Commander Tiwari, is facing a travel ban.

Even though he is living in his own house in Doha, Commander Tiwari will be permitted to return to Delhi after he is let off in one additional case in which he has been implicated.

## CBI carries out searches on premises of former DPIIT secy in assets case

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE anti-graft central probe agency CBI has registered an FIR against the former Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) secretary, Ramesh Abhishek, in a disproportionate assets (DA) case and conducted searches at his premises, officials said on Tuesday.

The Bihar cadre IAS officer of the 1982 batch, Ramesh, who retired from service in 2019 and later joined Paytm Payments Bank as Independent Director, the officials said, adding that the CBI has also named Abhishek's daughter, Vaneesa, in the FIR.

According to the FIR, a copy of which is with this newspaper, the Lokpal had referred the DA case against Ramesh, and the CBI followed this up by registering a regular case under various

sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The Lokpal in its reference to the CBI, which is part of the FIR, has asked the agency "to conduct an investigation into doubtful transactions entered into by Ramesh and his daughter Vaneesa by way of receiving big amounts as professional fee or consulting fee from various entities/organisations with whom Ramesh had official dealings while he was secretary DPIIT".

In the FIR, it is also alleged that the father-daughter duo had invested the amount earned through consultancy in buying a property — E-72, Greater Kailash-II, New Delhi, "which were the outcome of a doubtful sudden rise in investments of the family in immovable properties or a sudden increase in business income in a short period of time".

### Ponzi scam cases: CBI raids 2 places in Kolkata

The Central Bureau of Investigation has conducted searches at two premises in Kolkata — one belonging to Amal Bhattacharya and the other to his company Unix Infrastructure Pvt Ltd — in connection with a 2021 ponzi scam case, officials said on Tuesday. The CBI had filed a charge sheet against Bhattacharya and his company in December 2022, and kept its probe open to further investigate the larger conspiracy in the case, the officials said.

## After 30 yrs, Buddha relics to travel to Thailand

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

FOUR bone fragments of Lord Buddha, also known as Kapilavastu Relics, presently kept in the National Museum, will be taken to Thailand on Thursday after about 30 years. They will be displayed in four cities including Bangkok and Krabi, where people will pay their obeisance to the sacred remnants.

The last time the relics were taken out of the country was in May 2023, when they were exhibited at an exposition in Mongolia. This year, for the first time, the relics of two chief disciples of the Buddha — Sariputta and Maha Moggallana — from Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh — are also being ferried along with the cremated remains of Buddha.

Before the exposition, the relics will be kept safely at the National Museum in Bangkok for a limited period of quarantine. The venues have been finalised in consultation with officials of the Government of Thailand and the Indian embassy there.

About 22 Buddha relics were discovered during excavation at Piprahwa village in Siddharthnagar district of Uttar Pradesh in 1971-77. According to officials, 20 of them were



Priests of the Gandan monastery in Mongolia welcome the relics of Buddha carried to that country by Union minister Kiren Rijiju last year | FILE PHOTO

loaned to the National Museum in Delhi and two were handed over to the Indian Museum in Kolkata.

"The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conducted excavations at Piprahwa between

1971 and 77, under the supervision of KM Srivastava, the then director (Archaeology). The excavation team discovered two inscribed steatite stone caskets containing twelve sacred relics from the bigger casket and ten

sacred relics from the smaller casket," said Govind Mohan, secretary, Ministry of Culture, while briefing about the travel schedule and significance of relics on Tuesday.

He further said that only four relics from the National Museum are allowed to send abroad. They were taken to Sri Lanka in 1976 and 2012, Mongolia in 1993 and 2022, Singapore in 1994 and 2007, South Korea in 1995 and Thailand in 1995.

The Kapilavastu Relics will be flown back from Thailand on March 19.

Mohan said that the relics are being taken in a special Indian Air Force aircraft with an adequate number of security personnel. A delegation of about 20 officials of the culture ministry, other agencies and Buddhist monks will travel with the rare antiquities.

The delegation is being led by Union Minister of Social and Empowerment Virendra Kumar and Governor of Bihar Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

"We have long-standing ties with Thailand. Indian culture is visible in the nook and corner of Thailand. Apart from the fact that this is an initiative for the followers of Buddhism in Thailand, it is a big diplomatic win for us," said Mohan.

## Focus China: Army plans to step up troops deployment in Middle Sector

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE Indian Army's Order of Battle against China is in for a major change. There are plans to commit corps-level troops (around 30,000-50,000 soldiers) to defend the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the middle sector so far manned by a thin presence of the Army.

Sources said the Army is "actively considering" converting the Central Command's Bareilly-based Headquarters Uttar Bharat area into a full-fledged XVIII Corps to look after the frontiers with China.

"The proposal will soon be sent to the Ministry of Defence for approval," said a source.

The 1.2 million-strong Indian Army is organised into six operational commands, which further have a total of 14 corps and 49 divisions under them.

Post-2020 standoff along eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army mobilised around 68,000 troops in and carried out a precautionary deployment all along the 3,488-kilometre LAC.

Meanwhile, in 2021, a reorganisation was carried out with reorientation of the Mathura-based 1 (Strike) Corps to



### CHANGE OF BATTLEFIELD PLANS?

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THE LAC STRADDLES  
**3,488 KM**

In 2021, a reorientation of Mathura-based Strike Corps took place to share tasking with fledgling Panagarh-based 17 Mountain Corps

### Around 22 passes

in the Middle Sector in 545 km. It includes boundaries with Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand. LAC is divided into Western Sector, Middle Sector and Eastern Sector

share the tasking with the new Panagarh-based 17 Mountain Corps to guard the LAC with China. One Corps was guarding the border with Pakistan.

About the reasons for the change, sources said it was being done to counter the Chinese aggression along the LAC.

The Army since then has effected a precautionary deployment all along the LAC. It included the Middle Sector, especially in Uttarakhand,

which is made of four valleys, starting with Harshil, Mana, Niti and Barahoti.

The push for the plan, sources said, came from Army commanders. "Lt Gen RC Tiwari, Lt Gen JP Mathews and Lt Gen NS Rajasubramani have been in favour of the plan," said a source, adding, "In the case of the XVIII Corps, there may be initially a Division and few Brigades." He said this might be increased to two in future.



# Jibe at Sikh officer keeps Sandeshkhali pot boiling

Scuffle broke out when Suvendu Adhikari was going to restive place

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

SANDESHKHALI stir on Tuesday took a turn of 'divisive politics' as Mamata Banerjee slammed the BJP after a video surfaced showing confrontation between the protestors of the saffron camp and police in which a Sikh officer was called "Khalistani". The protests over the remark spread to Punjab as SGPC described it as "character assassination" of a Sikh officer.

"I VEHEMENTLY CONDEMN this audacious attempt to undermine the reputation of our SIKH BROTHERS & SISTERS, revered for their SACRIFICES and unwavering DETERMINATION to our nation. We stand firm in protecting Bengal's social harmony and will take stern lawful measures to prevent any attempt to disrupt it," Mamata said on her 'X' handle sharing a video clip.

SGPC president Harjinder Singh said, "The intentional character assassination of a Sikh IPS officer S. Jaspreet Singh by the BJP leaders in West Bengal is highly condemnable. Leaders who have such thinking should never forget that Sikhs have made the most

**BJP denies charges**

The BJP denied the charge of calling the Sikh IPS officer a "Khalistani". "Can Mamata Banerjee prove that a BJP worker made the remark? This is a plot hatched by ADG, Law & Order, Supratim Sarkar. I will take action against him if he fails to prove the allegation," said Suvendu Adhikari

Suvendu Adhikari in Sandeshkhali on Tuesday | PTI



sacrifices for the freedom and protection of the country."

The war of words broke out when Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari was going to Sandeshkhali along with BJP cadres and they were stopped by police. The 1996-batch IPS officer posted as special superintendent in Intelligence Branch was deployed at the entry-point of Sandeshkhali. "I am wearing

a turban that's why you called me Khalistani? I will take action against it. You cannot attack my religion. I have not said anything about your religion," Singh was heard saying.

The police said they would take action against Adhikari. "The remark was a deliberate act and we will take action against Suvendu Adhikari," said Supratim Sarkar, ADG.

## Rahul gets bail in defamation case over Shah remark

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

CONGRESS MP Rahul Gandhi appeared in a special court on Tuesday in a defamation case filed by a BJP leader for his remarks against Union Home Minister Amit Shah in 2018, and was granted bail.

He entered the MP-MLA court amid tight security and came out 25 minutes later. He headed straight to Rae Bareilly. Gandhi was granted bail after filling two bail bonds of ₹25,000, his counsel Kashi Prasad Shukla said. A complaint was filed against Rahul for his alleged indecent remarks against Amit Shah during the Karnataka elections six years ago.

Extending gratitude to the warm welcome on reaching Lucknow with his Bharat Jodo Naya Yatra, he said that the people of Lucknow had opened thousands of shops of love and amity (Mohabbat ki Dukane) in advance. "Our country is not a place of hatred. We stand for love and brotherhood," the leader said.

Promising caste census and legal guarantee of MSP, Rahul said that the reason of hatred was the injustice being meted out on poor, unemployed, backwards, Dalits and tribals by the present government.

# Akhilesh decides to give Rahul yatra a miss in Rae Bareilly

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

SAMAJWADI Party President, Akhilesh Yadav's decision on Tuesday to skip Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Naya Yatra in Rae Bareilly has halted further seat sharing negotiations of the INDIA bloc in Uttar Pradesh.

Yadav had hinted at this possibility on Monday, stating he wouldn't join the Naya Yatra until a seat-sharing agreement with Congress was finalised.

Highly-placed sources revealed that the stalemate persisted due to disagreements, notably over key constituencies like Moradabad in western UP. Congress is reportedly insisting on Moradabad, but SP, with its sitting MP Dr. ST Hassan from the Muslim-dominated seat, is unwilling to concede.

Additionally, SP sources allege that Congress is pushing for other strongholds like Ballia, with the demand for Ballia being made for UPCC chief Ajai Rai. SP spokesman Rajendra Chowdhury stated that

**Swami Prasad Maurya quits SP, MLC post**

A week after tendering his resignation from the post of Samajwadi Party national general secretary, Swami Prasad Maurya on Tuesday resigned from the party's primary membership and the MLC post and announced formation of a new party.

talks between the two parties were ongoing, expressing hope for a resolution soon. Similarly, Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal in Delhi mentioned that the negotiations were in their final stages, hinting at a positive outcome.

Previously, Yadav had offered 17 seats to Congress, while Congress demanded the 21 seats it won in the 2009 general elections. The 17 seats offered included bastions like Amethi, Rae Bareilly, and others. Failing to elicit a response from Congress by Tuesday, Yadav released another candidate list, which included Varanasi, one of the 17 seats offered to Congress.

## Approval to 10% Maratha quota

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Maharashtra Assembly on Tuesday unanimously passed a bill providing 10% reservation to the Maratha community in education and government jobs under a separate category. This is the third attempt to provide reservation benefits to the community on grounds of social, economic, and educational backwardness. Marathas constitute 28% of the state's population.

Ahead of the Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections in 2014, the then CM Prithviraj Chavan had promulgated an ordinance approving a 16% reservation for Marathas. But the Bombay High Court stayed it, a decision upheld by the Supreme Court also.

Later, in 2018, the Devendra Fadnis-led government passed the Maharashtra State Reservation for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes bill to provide quota for Marathas. The Supreme Court struck it down.

The latest move is based on the recommendation of the Maharashtra Backward Classes Commission headed by retired judge Sunil Shukre. According to the panel, the Maratha community is economically backward with 21.22% living below poverty line, depending on free rations given by the government.

# Centre's guarantee offer to farmers a diversionary tactic, say agri experts

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

TWO days after the Centre handed out a proposal to farmer unions, agriculture experts and agri-economists have termed it a diversionary tactic to avert the present crisis as the main demands are unresolved.

The government has offered guarantees on buying five crops — cotton, maize and three pulses arhar, tur and urad — from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for five years. The proposal envisages that farmers would have to enter into an agreement with three Central co-operatives — Cotton Corporation of India, National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India, and National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India.

Agriculture expert Devinder Sharma said the farmers were demanding something else while the Centre placed something different on the table. "The government appeared to divert the attention from real demands. Farmers want structural changes in agricultural price policy. But they were offered old wine in new bottle by telling them to diversify from wheat and paddy cycle to pulses

and other crops," he said.

When asked the cost to exchequer if the Centre were to accept MSP on all crops, he said, "As per CRISIL Market Intelligence and Analytics report, such a guarantee will cost the government around ₹21,000 crore for the marketing season 2023-24."

When the government can waive loans of the corporate sector of around ₹15,000 lakh crore, why it can't offer similar relief to farmers, he asked.

Dr Sukhpal Singh, a prominent agricultural policy expert said the Centre's proposal is like contract farming. "The proposal should be okay for Punjab farmers as they will have the option to move out of the wheat-paddy cycle. As the Punjab government is promoting moong, it is unclear why the state is not part of the Central proposal. The legalisation of MSP, as the farmers are demanding, is not doable in the given market conditions," he said.

Agriculture economist Sucha Singh Gill said that the Centre is adopting double standards. "The Centre wants to project farmers as unreasonable agitators. It wants to indirectly bring contract farming and thus help the corporate lobby," said Gill.

# Shah hits campaign trail in Raj, says party's winning streak to continue

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday kicked off the BJP's Lok Sabha election campaign in Rajasthan, targeting the Congress and asserting that his party would notch up a hat-trick by winning all the 25 seats in the desert state.

In 2014 and 2019 general elections, the BJP had won all the seats in Rajasthan. "Our party's objective is to secure 400 seats nationwide. We need to replicate the victories of the past two Lok Sabha elections and achieve a hat-trick by winning all 25 seats in Rajasthan," Shah said, addressing a gathering of BJP workers in Udaipur.

"Only two days ago our leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised two slogans at the BJP's National Convention. They were 'Ab ki baar 400 paar' and 'Fir ek baar Modi sarkar'. To ensure that these slogans turn into reality, we will have to make sure that no mistakes happen and all the 25 seats come to the BJP."

Shah toured Bikaner, Udaipur, and Jaipur regions, covering nine Lok Sabha seats of the state. The home minister hit out at the Congress, calling it "dynastic" and "directionless" that cannot ensure the development of the country. Shah accused the Congress of ob-



Amit Shah during a meeting of the BJP state election committee in Bikaner | PTI

structing the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

"The Congress caused hindrances and delays in building the temple for Lord Ram, our god who had been living under a tent for years. They never had the intention to build Ram Temple. But we said that the Ram Temple will be built and Modi Ji on January 22 consecrated the temple making the nation joyous. But the Congress boycotted the consecration ceremony," Shah said.

Lauding the country's economic progress during the Modi government, he said, "Under Modi's leadership, our economy has ascended from the 11th to the fifth position in the past 10 years. If given another opportunity, we can elevate it to the third position."

Shah said, "We repealed Article 370. Previously, there were daily blasts in Kashmir. Today, no force in the world can jeopardise Kashmir."

He hit out at the Congress, alleging that the "party is attempting to divide the nation with its north-south policies."

There was no immediate reaction from the Congress to Shah's statements.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma said, "We have started delivering on the promises made during the assembly elections. Initiatives such as providing gas cylinders for ₹450 have been taken. Since the BJP government assumed power, there hasn't been any gang warfare. We are confident of winning each seat in the Lok Sabha elections."

# State of Gujarat edu: 341 govt schools operating from 1 room, House told

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Gujarat government on Tuesday said in the Assembly that as of December 31, 2023, there were 341 government primary schools in the state that operate from a single room. That's even though the state government announced a provision of ₹43,651 crore for the education department in 2023-24.

The government response came to a question in the Assembly from Congress MLA from Patan Kirit Patel. He asked the state Education Minister as to how many government primary schools in Gujarat have only one classroom.

The government said the poor state of the schools was owing to the fact the number of children and teachers was low, besides some rooms were abandoned due to dilapidation. The government also said that enough land was not available with these schools for expansion. The government also acknowledged that not enough

## HUNDREDS OF VACANCIES NOT FILLED

Congress pointed out glaring gaps in the Gujarat education dept in terms of number of students and teachers. The govt told the House:

**439** vacant posts in state edu service class-I

**1,020** vacancies in class-II

**1,606 of 32,000** govt primary schools run with only one teacher for classes I to 8

**MORE THAN 19,000 VACANCIES FOR TEACHERS**



teachers were recruited to fill vacancies.

In response to another query posed by the Congress MLA on Tuesday, the government said as of December 31, 2023, there are 439 vacant posts in Gujarat Education Service class-I and 1,020 vacancies in class-II.

State Congress spokesperson Hiren Banker slammed the government, saying the numbers indicated that the government preferred privatizing education to benefit businessmen. "On the one hand, the government

claims there are no teachers, so they must teach in a single room. On the other, the vacancies approved by the government are not filled.

"As per records, more than 19,000 vacancies of teachers are vacant in Gujarat," said the Congress leader.

On February 12, the state government informed the House that 1,606 of the state's 32,000 government primary schools operated with only one teacher for all students of Classes 1 to 8.

## ED files fresh case against Soren for skipping summons

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

FORMER Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren faced further trouble as the ED registered another case against him on Tuesday for disobeying summons issued by the investigating agency. Despite receiving 10 summons from the ED, Soren appeared before the agency for questioning only twice, exacerbating his legal woes.

The complaint outlines its attempts to summon Soren in connection with a money laundering case linked to a land scam. Sources indicate that the ED intends to seize 8.5 acres of land in Bargain, Ranchi, allegedly acquired illegally by Soren for construction of a banquet hall.

An intriguing turn of events emerged from WhatsApp chats retrieved from the mobile phones of Soren's aide Binod Kumar Singh, revealing plans to construct the hall. A 13-page remand note submitted to the Special PMLA Court disclosed the exchange of proposed banquet hall plans between Singh and Soren on April 06, 2021.

# UP all set to become data centre hub, Lucknow to emerge as an AI city: Yogi

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

CHIEF Minister Yogi Adityanath said on Tuesday that while Uttar Pradesh was poised to become a data center hub, state capital Lucknow would emerge as a prominent center of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Presently, three data centers are operational in UP and another eight are in the pipeline. The government is working on developing Lucknow as an AI City, with the active involvement of the youth from IIM Lucknow, he added.

Speaking at the 'Destination UP-Emerging Hub for AI in India' conclave organised as part of the fourth Groundbreaking ceremony of UP Investors' Summit, the Chief Minister said, "Previously, such prospects were non-existent in the state, but today, UP is advancing across all sectors. The institutions of the state have done great work in converting scale into skill, but this skill also needs pace, which can be achieved by adopting digitalisation."



Three MoUs were exchanged in the presence of UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the AI Conclave organised by GB@IV in Lucknow on Tuesday | x

Emphasizing the potential of Artificial Intelligence and highlighting its versatile applications in various sectors such as agriculture, healthcare and education, Yogi said that effectiveness of AI relied on its adaptation to the specific needs of users.

He added that work over setting up an AI center in Gautam Buddha Nagar University, Greater Noida, was on. "Through this initiative, we aim to provide employment op-

portunities to millions of youths within their homes and districts."

Earlier in the conclave, Yogi unveiled the 'Destination UP Opportunities AI' book. During the event, three MoUs were exchanged in the Chief Minister's presence. Notably, Abhishek Bose of Microsoft Corporation, Dhruv Kohli of HCL Software, and Shekhar of Wadhvani AI exchanged MoUs with the government representative for the establishment of an AI center.



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## Teachers worry over malpractices in exams

The teachers' association of Calcutta University has written to the vice-chancellors expressing concern over serious malpractices in the conduct of the examinations of postgraduate courses at colleges. The letter alleged mass copying during exams in science subjects that students had written at their respective home centres. It said the instances of mass copying came to their notice when the answer papers were examined. "It is difficult to distinguish one answer script from another because the content was the same," said a teacher. Many of the students who are studying for a master's degree in science subjects had failed the exams and had to write supplementary tests, he said.



## No uniform waiver to property tax defaulters

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) will stop granting uniform waiver to property tax defaulters from April and the amount to be waived will depend on the duration of the default. The new system was announced in the civic budget that was tabled by Mayor Firhad Hakim. Starting April 1, a smaller per cent of the accrued penalty and interest will be waived for those who want to clear their property tax dues after defaulting for a longer period. Those who have been defaulting for a shorter period will be entitled to a heavier waiver.

## Dim lights on roads pose danger for pedestrians

Five roads in the heart of the state capital are dimly lit and pose danger for pedestrians and motorists as well, the Kolkata police warned the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC), the civic body responsible for the illumination of the city thoroughfares. The police said the stretches of Casurina Avenue, Kidderpore Road, Outram Road, Dufferine Road and Strand Road have become so dark that surveillance, physical or electronic, proved to be difficult. The police said it has become difficult for the motorists to notice obstruction ahead while taking turn from one road to another in the identified areas.







## PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Smt. Nagarathamma (since dead by LR's), Sri. Nagaraja Reddy and others, had filed a suit in OS No. 6871/2007, before the LXII Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (CCH-63) against Sri. Venkataswamy Reddy (since dead) by his legal representatives, namely Sri. B.V. Gopala Reddy and others, for the relief of partition, separate possession in relation to the properties scheduled below, besides other properties as well.

That by virtue of the judgement and decree dated 25.01.2024 passed in the above suit, our clients are entitled 50% share in the Item No. 1 and 25% share in the Item No. 2 of the properties scheduled below.

The general public are therefore hereby cautioned not to transact or negotiate with the parties concerned in regard to the following properties, since our clients have right, title, charge and interest over the same.

## Schedule properties

## Item No. 1 (50% share)

**Situated at Dommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk.**

Sy. No. 148/5, measuring 37 guntas, Sy. No. 147/2, measuring 1 acre 8 guntas, Sy. No. 147/3, measuring 8 guntas, Sy. No. 147/4, measuring 7 guntas, Sy. No. 147/5, measuring 8 guntas, Sy. No. 147/6, measuring 28 guntas and measuring 9 guntas, Sy. No. 147/7, measuring 10 guntas, Sy. No. 159/1, measuring 35 guntas, Sy. No. 159/2, measuring 32 guntas, Sy. No. 157/2, measuring 8 guntas, Sy. No. 157/2, measuring 22 guntas, Sy. No. 160/1, measuring 9 guntas, Sy. No. 160/2, measuring 1 acre 11 guntas, Sy. No. 124, measuring 3 acres 39 guntas, Sy. No. 74/1, measuring 24 guntas, Sy. No. 75/1, measuring 14 guntas, Sy. No. 76/1, measuring 20 guntas, Sy. No. 70/5, measuring 21 ½ guntas, Sy. No. 75/3, measuring 6 ½ guntas.

Kaneshumari No. 278, measuring 8 Ankana, Farm House bearing No. 443 and 1/6th share in site No. 68, RMC, Yeswanthapura, measuring East to West 35 ft., North to South 100 ft.

## Item No. 2 (25% share)

**Situated at Dommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk.**

Sy. No. 146/4, measuring 16 guntas, Sy. No. 146/1, measuring 5 guntas, Sy. No. 146/2, measuring 4 guntas, Sy. No. 157/2, measuring 12 guntas, Sy. No. 157/7, measuring 14 guntas, Sy. No. 157/5, measuring 4 guntas, Sy. No. 156/2, measuring 13 guntas, Gramathana Kaneshumari No. 440, measuring 15 guntas, Kaneshumari No. 48, measuring 8 Ankana and Kaneshumari No. 50.

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No. 1/5, Jinka Plaza, 1st floor, 6th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Place: Bengaluru  
Date: 20.02.2024



## Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru - 560 001

Ph: 080-22215601, 22211246. Fax: 080-22215602

No: DYES/KI/61/2020-21

Date: 12.02.2024

## SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Director (Admn), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore-560 001, KARNATAKA INDIA invites Tender to take up the work of Installation of 400m synthetic athletic track at Track at Davanagere District stadium, Davanagere and Construction of Gym building at Bellary, Karnataka through

| Sl. No. | Particulars                                                                                       | Tender Amount   | EMD Rs.         | Last Date and Time for Submission of Bid | Last Date and Time for Opening of technical bid |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Installation of 400m synthetic athletic track at Track at Davanagere District stadium, Davanagere | Rs 685.78 Lakhs | Rs 10,28,676.00 | 27.02.2024 time 16.00 Hrs                | 28.02.2024 time 16.30 Hrs                       |
| 2       | Construction of Gym building at Bellary                                                           | Rs 805.08 Lakhs | Rs 12,07,622.00 | 27.02.2024 time 16.00 Hrs                | 28.02.2024 time 16.30 Hrs                       |

The Tender shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (<https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>). Vendors need to register in the e-Procurement Portal to submit their bids online. The tender document can be viewed free of cost from the e-Procurement Portal.

Additional information may be obtained during office hours at the above mentioned Address.

Sd/-

Deputy Director (Admin) and

TENDER INVITING AUTHORITY

Dept. of Youth Empowerment and Sports

DIPR/CP/3748/AKAR/2023-24



## BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, RI-Road Infrastructure Division, N R square, Bengaluru-560002

No: EE/RI/Road Infra Division/TEND/01/2023-24

Date: 19-02-2024

## INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer (Road Infrastructure - Road Infra Division), BBMP, Bengaluru invites Bids for the following services from reputed consultants.

**Name of the assignment: Consultancy Services for preparation of DPR for the work for Providing Junction improvement works under SURAKSHA-75 in arterial and sub arterial roads at the following locations**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Locations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Minsk square junction, Basaveshwara circle, Hennur cross, Trinity circle, LH Circle, Windsor Manor Jn and SJP Road Junction in East zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 800. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 20,000/-</b>                                                                                                     |
| 2       | Domlur-HAL Old Airport Junction, Anil Kumble circle, Hosur Road Junction, Ashwathnagar bus stop junction (Dr.Rajkumar Road) Swami Vivekananda metro station junction, Suranjan Das road junction NGEF Signal & Nagawarajunction in East Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 900. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 22,500/-</b> |
| 3       | Nayandahalli junction, Mysore Sandal Soap Factory Junction, Yeshwanthpur Junction, K G Circle, Vatal Nagaraj Road, Rajajinagar Road & Sangolli Rayanna circle in West zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 700. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 17,500/-</b>                                                                   |
| 4       | Chord Road, Basaveshwaranagar Junction, Bellary Road, Chowdaiah Road, Vijayanagar Bus Stand Circle, Sirsi circle & Nagrabhavi circle (ORR) in west Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 800. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 20,000/-</b>                                                                                      |
| 5       | KR Market, Forum Mall, Makkalakoota circle, Devagowda Petrol Bunk and Magadi Road Toll Gate Junction in South zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 500. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 12,500/-</b>                                                                                                                           |
| 6       | BHEL Junction, Mysore Road, Nandi Link Grounds, Lalbagh - Hosur Road Junction & Subhash Chandra Bose Junction in South Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 650. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 16,250/-</b>                                                                                                                  |
| 7       | Bellary-Palanahalli Road, Bellary -Kogilu Main road, NES Bus stop junction & Yelahanka New Town in Yelahanka Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 400. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 15,000/-</b>                                                                                                                            |
| 8       | Yelahanka Road -Vidyanarayapura Main Road, Hostel Busstop junction, Byatarayanapura junction & Veernapalya Bus stop in Yelahanka Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 400. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 15,000/-</b>                                                                                                        |
| 9       | Hongasandra MS. Junction, Manipal County- Hosur Road Junction, Garebavipalya Temple & HSR Layout 27th main junction in Bommanahalli Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 500. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 12,500/-</b>                                                                                                     |
| 10      | Bannerghatta Road-BDA80 Feet Road, Bannerghatta Road, Arekere Road, Kudlu Gate City bus stopjunction & Sarakki in Bommanahalli Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 600. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 15,000/-</b>                                                                                                          |
| 11      | Tin Factory, Marathalli, KR Puram, b Channasandra Bridge,Benniganahalli KR Puram Junction, Doddanankundi Junction & Varthurkodi in Mahadevapura zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 900. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 22,500/-</b>                                                                                         |
| 12      | Kundahalli junction, Mahadevapura, Outer Ring Road Embassy tech village intersection subramanyaswamy temple, sarajapura signal, next to iblur lake & Bagmane Tech Park junction in Mahadevapura zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 950. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 23,750/-</b>                                         |
| 13      | Summanahalli junction, Kengeri bus Terminal junction nice road Kengeri Road Junction & Jayanna circle at Kenchanahalli Road in RR Nagar Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 600. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 15,000/-</b>                                                                                                 |
| 14      | Srigandha kaval Junction, Gorguntepalya junction, BEL Circle & Nagrabhavi junction (ORR+Mysore Road) in RR Nagar Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 700. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 17,500/-</b>                                                                                                                        |
| 15      | 8th mile circle, Nagasandra MS Junction Jalahalli Cross Road, Tumkur & Dasarahalli MS Junction in Dasarahalli Zone.<br><b>Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs): 600. EMD (Amount in Rs.): 15,000/-</b>                                                                                                                           |

**Calendar of Events:** 1) Request for Proposal (RFP) document may be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 23.02.2024 2) Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 23-02-2024 at 16.00 hours in the Office of the Engineer in Chief, BBMP, 1st floor, Annex Building-2, N R Square, Bengaluru-560002 3) Last date for submission of completed documents: 27.02.2024 before 3.00 PM 4) Date of opening of Technical proposal: 28-02-2024 after 03.10 PM 5) Date of opening of Financial proposal: After approval of Technical proposal. Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - Road Infra Division, BBMP.

## IN THE HONBLE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE IN JUDGE, AT BANGALURU

C.Misc.No. 41/2024

PETITIONER: 1. Smt. VENKATASWAMY Reddy, 2. Smt. Nagarathamma, 3. Smt. Nagaraja Reddy, 4. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 5. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 6. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 7. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 8. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 9. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 10. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 11. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 12. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 13. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 14. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 15. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 16. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 17. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 18. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 19. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 20. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 21. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 22. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 23. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 24. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 25. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 26. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 27. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 28. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 29. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 30. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 31. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 32. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 33. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 34. Smt. Venkataswamy Reddy, 35. Smt. 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Significant fixed asset growth is seen in oil, gas, and chemicals sectors, according to Bulletin

# Corporate sector capex to fuel economic growth: RBI

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in its February bulletin, on Tuesday said the fresh round of capex by corporate sector would likely fuel the next leg of economic growth. Balance sheets are healthy on the back of high profits, with leverage remaining constant or improving and the return ratio at a multi-year high, the apex bank said.

As per the apex bank, notable fixed asset growth is seen in oil, gas, and chemicals, while sectors like steel and automobiles lag in fixed asset additions despite strong stock performance. The power sector's capex plans are ambitious, especially in green energy, where India has made significant progress, with renewables accounting for 43% of total installed capacity.

"...Overall, the corporate sector must get its act together

Core inflation is at its lowest since October 2019 and non-food WPI inflation remains in deflation. This should augur well for input cost outlook and selling prices of manufacturing firms —RBI Bulletin

ready to relieve the government of capex heavy lifting and take advantage of the space ceded in financial markets by a lower budgeted borrowing programme and the easing of borrowing costs that has already begun in response to the Interim Budget for 2024-25, driven as it is by capex and consolidation," it stated in its bulletin.

As per the report, overall inflation developments are also turning favourable, providing a stable environment for corporates to plan expansion strategies in anticipation of a pick-up in demand. "With consumer price inflation coming off its November-December spikes in its January 2024 reading, inflation expecta-

tions may stabilise and edge down, although renewed pressures from cereals and proteins can't be ruled out," it said.

"Core inflation is at its lowest since October 2019 and nonfood wholesale price inflation remains in deflation. This should augur well for the input cost outlook and selling prices of manufacturing firms," it added. On the external front, India's current account deficit fell to 1% of GDP in Q2FY24, a significant drop from the previous year. With India's strong presence in software services and as a top recipient of remittances globally, the RBI foresees the current account deficit as manageable in FY24 and FY25.



## Indian economy looks promising: FinMin

NEW DELHI: The Indian economy shows a promising outlook despite concerns over export prospects due to the Red Sea crisis and higher inflation in developed nations, as per a recent monthly economic review by the Finance Ministry. The RBI predicts a 7% growth estimate for FY25. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its January 2024 World Economic Outlook (WEO), revised India's growth projections to 6.7% from 6.3% in its October 2023 WEO. **ENS**

## Zee Ent denies merger talks revival with Sony Group

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL) has denied the reports that said the company is trying to revive merger talks with Sony Group. Shares of Zee Entertainment on Tuesday rose 6.67% to close at ₹190.4 after a section of media reported that the two groups are again trying to revive the merger talks.

In an exchange filing, ZEEL said it has not involved in any negotiations, or any other event as stated in the media reports, and that it confirms that the such reports are factually incorrect. "We wish to clarify that the company is not aware of any information that has not been announced to the exchanges which could explain the aforesaid movement in the trading, and we are not in a position to determine the material impact of the above-mentioned article on the company," it said in a statement.

Over two years after it was first announced, Sony Pictures Networks India (SPNI) (now known as Culver Max Entertainment Limited), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sony Group Corporation (Sony) decided to terminate its merger with ZEEL on 22 January 2024.

The merger talks failed over the issue of leadership of the merged entity. As per the merger agreement, Punit Goenka, MD & CEO of ZEEL, was supposed to head the merged entity. However, Sony had second thoughts after Sebi initiated fund diversion probe against Goenka.

Zee had, however, claimed that Punit Goenka, MD & CEO of ZEEL, was agreeable to step down in the interest of the merger and proposals in this regard were discussed, including for appointment of a director on the Board of the merged company, protections for conduct of pending investigations and legal proceedings in the best interest of ZEEL's directors and shareholders and the consequent modifications to the scheme to incorporate the same.

## India to oppose moratorium on customs duty in ecomm trade at WTO meet

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA will oppose further continuation of moratorium on customs duties on e-commerce trade at the WTO's meeting in Abu Dhabi later this month. According to an official, it is impacting the developing countries.

The official said the members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) should continue to discuss the issue.

There is a need to discuss the scope of the moratorium as there are revenue implications

because of it. As per estimates, potential tariff revenue losses to the developing countries are about \$10 billion a year. It could be more than \$500 million every year for India.

The meeting of 164 trade ministers who would gather in Abu Dhabi from February 26-29. The WTO members have agreed not to impose customs duties on electronic transmissions since 1998 and the moratorium has been periodically extended at successive ministerial conferences, which is the highest decision-making

body of the 164-member body.

India and South Africa on several occasions have asked the organisation to revisit the issue and have highlighted the adverse impact of the moratorium on developing countries. India is seeing a rise in imports of electronic transmissions, mainly of items like movies, music, video games and printed matter, some of which could fall within scope of the moratorium. While the profits and revenues of digital players are rising, the ability of the governments to check these imports are limited because of the moratorium.

## AI talent demand to grow at 15% CAGR till 2027

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

AS the investments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to increase, the demand for AI talent in India is also expected to grow at 15% CAGR till 2027.

According to nasscom and BCG report which was launched on Tuesday on the sidelines of the Nasscom Technology & Leadership Forum 2024, India's AI market growing at CAGR 25-35% is projected reach about \$17 billion by 2027 with AI/ML capabilities, including GenAI, emerging as the top category of IT spend expected to be made by IT buyers in 2023.

The report said the growth is fuelled by multiple factors that include increasing enterprise tech spending, the country's growing AI talent base and a significant increase in AI investments. The technology industry in India is already seeing more than 15% growth in AI/ML jobs over the past 12 months with positions such as AI engineers growing at 67% YoY.

Firms have already invested heavily in upskilling and re-skilling their workforce in AI and related technologies, with some organisations allocating \$1 billion over the next 3 years dedicated to upskilling, it added.

40% from the current level. Morgan Stanley has also retained its 'overweight' rating on the stock with a target price of ₹2,110 apiece. Meanwhile, in the broader market, Nifty Midcap100 and Nifty Smallcap fell 0.13% and 0.53%, respectively.

"The decline in mid & small caps suggests investors are continuing to exercise caution due to higher valuations. The forthcoming release of the US Fed minutes this week holds significance, mainly in light of recent sticky inflation data, which raises uncertainty regarding the timing of the Federal Reserve's initiation of its easing cycle," said Nair.

## Equity markets rise for 6th straight session

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LED by 'underperforming' private banking stocks, India's equity market benchmarks closed in green for the 6th straight session. In a highly volatile session, the NSE Nifty50 index scaled to a fresh all-time high on Tuesday while the BSE Sensex reclaimed 73,000 level.

The 30-share pack Sensex closed higher by 349.24 points, or 0.48%, at 73,057.40 while the Nifty50 rose further by 74.70 points, or 0.34%, to close at a new record level of 22,196.95. The 50-share index touched a lifetime high of 22,215.60 during the Tuesday session.

"Amidst volatility, the domestic market is once again poised to approach record highs. The latest upward trajectory is bolstered by gains in the banking sector, with private banks witnessing a rebound from a recent sharp correction," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

The biggest contributors to Tuesday's rally were private lenders like HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Kotak Bank, IndusInd Bank and ICICI

Bank. These stocks, especially the heavyweight HDFC, have been under severe selling pressure since the Q3FY24 earning numbers. HDFC Bank shares surged 2.6% to ₹1,454 apiece on Tuesday after several brokerages reiterated "buy" rating, citing a likely rebound in earnings growth.

Brokerage firm Citi kept its 'buy' call on HDFC Bank with a target price of ₹2,050 per share, indicating an upside of more than

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## Japan commits ₹12,800 cr for 9 projects in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Japanese government has committed a loan of 232.209 billion yen (nearly ₹12,800 crore) for nine projects related to various sectors in India, finance ministry on Tuesday said.

The projects included project for promoting start-up and innovation in Telangana, project for construction of Chennai peripheral ring road, North East road network connectivity, project for promoting sustainable horticulture in Haryana and project for climate change response and ecosystem services enhancement in Rajasthan.

The road network connectivity projects aim to improve infrastructure development in India's north-east region, while the Chennai peripheral ring road project aims to alleviate traffic congestion and strengthen connections to the southern part of the state, the finance ministry said in a statement.

"The project in Nagaland will help develop tertiary level medical service delivery by developing a medical college hospital contributing towards universal health coverage. A unique project in Telangana will help discover entrepreneurial skills with focus on women and rural population and support business expansion of MSMEs."

The agreement was signed between Vikas Sheel, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Suzuki Hiroshi, Ambassador of Japan to India. The fifth tranche of the dedicated freight corridor project will enable handling of increased freight traffic, it said.

## Govt seeks \$26 bn investment for nuclear energy

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government seeks investment of about \$26 billion from private companies for the country's nuclear energy sector.

As per a report, the government is in talks with Reliance Industries, Tata Power, Adani Power, and Vedanta Ltd to invest nearly \$5.30 billion each from them. The report, quoting two sources, mentioned the Department of Atomic Energy and the state-run Nuclear Power Corp. of India (NPCIL) have held multiple rounds of discussions with private companies in the past year on the investment plan. The government hopes to build 11,000 megawatts (MW) of new nuclear power generation capacity by 2040.

This is the first time India is pursuing private investment in nuclear power, a non-carbon-emitting energy source that contributes less than 2% of India's total electricity generation. The funding would help India achieve its target of hav-

ing 50% of its installed electric generation capacity use non-fossil fuels by 2030, up from 42% now. Meanwhile, one of the firms confirmed to the newspaper that talks are going on. "Being one of the top companies in the sector, we have got the invitation to talk about the project," said an industry official.

NPCIL owns and operates India's current fleet of nuclear power plants, with a capacity of 7,500 MW, and has committed investments for another 1,300 MW. As per the report, the private companies will make investments in the nuclear plants, acquire land and water, and undertake construction in areas outside the reactor complex of the plants. But the rights to build and run the stations and their fuel management will rest with NPCIL, as allowed under the law. However, the private companies are expected to earn revenue from the power plant's electricity sales, and NPCIL would operate the projects for a fee.



## Eicher Motors remains optimistic about growth of commercial vehicle segment

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

COMMERCIAL vehicle player Eicher Motors remains optimistic on the growth of commercial vehicle segment, on back of strong demand, macro economic conditions and new electric offerings.

Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles (VECV), the company's joint venture with Sweden's AB Volvo, has registered a volume of 20,706 in the December quarter, witnessing a 14% growth on a yearly basis. Volume for the nine-month period ended on December stood at 59,828 units, with a 12.4% YoY-growth.

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**Volume rises 14% in Q3**

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es, Volvo buses, distribution of Volvo Trucks in India, among others. It has improved volume and marginally gained market share in the December quarter across different segments. The company remains the third-biggest player in the medium and heavy commercial category. It is a distant fourth in the overall commercial vehicles in

the first half of FY24, as per Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) data.

VECV's volumes in heavy-duty trucks, combining Volvo and Eicher stood at 6,210 units in the quarter with a market share of 9.6%. It sold 9,800 light and medium-duty trucks having 34.5% market share. Its bus business currently holds 34% market share in the market.

VECV started deliveries of its electric truck in 5.5-ton gross vehicle weight (GVW). It also showcased its exclusive electric small commercial vehicle platform of 2-3.5 tonne, marking the entry of the company into the small commercial vehicle segment.

## Nokia appoints Tarun Chhabra country manager

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FINNISH telecom gear maker on Tuesday announced the appointment of Tarun Chhabra as Country Manager for Nokia in India. Chhabra will be replacing Sanjay Malik who is to retire on March 31.

The firm, in a statement, said Chhabra will continue in his role of head of mobile networks market India in addition to assuming India country manager responsibilities. "India is such an important market for Nokia and I believe that, in this new role, I will be able to help our customers to benefit from Nokia's leading technology across our portfolio, at a time when technology is playing vital role than ever before in the lives of organisations, firms, individuals and societies," said Chhabra.

He holds a master's degree (MBA) from Faculty of Management Studies, Delhi University and a BTech in electronics and communication. He has three decades of diverse leadership experience in sales, pre-sales, business development and operations in leading companies including Nokia, Siemens and Motorola, as well as some start-ups. He will be taking on a newly defined role for Nokia, one that has been created as part of a new way of working and operational model announced in October 2023.



## Cost-cutting exercise

Sources said that the company vacated a two-floor office at Prestige Tech Park in Bengaluru earlier this month. This is part of the cost-cutting measure as the company is already struggling to pay salaries to its employees

single aspect I don't think is going to hold the whole education sector to ransom," he had said. Meanwhile, sources said that the company vacated a two-floor office at Prestige Tech Park in Bengaluru earlier this month. This is part of the cost-cutting measure as the company is already struggling to pay salaries to its employees.

Last year in September, the company vacated an office in Kalyani Tech Park and also vacated two floors at Prestige Tech Park.

## 'Byju's tried to grow too fast, without creating rigour and corporate discipline'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

EDTECH firm Byju's tried to grow too fast and move without creating the rigour and the corporate discipline that a growth company needs, said Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar.

Speaking at an event in Mumbai on Tuesday, he told entrepreneurs that equity is never cheap and if you are not smart at that time, and if you have not learned from your peers, or learned from folks who came before you, you will make mistakes, and I think Byju's is that mistake.

His comments come at a time when Byju's is struggling with multiple issues and this Friday a group of investors will discuss removing Byju Raveendran, wife Divya Gokulnath and his brother Riju Ravindran from the board. The company's key investors include General Atlantic, Peak XV and Prosus Ventures, among others.

Earlier, upGrad's Ronnie Screwvala had said that Byju's founder and investors are responsible for the edtech firm's downfall. "It is a joint accountability of the founder and 51 investors, who obviously felt that it was more important in a board meeting to ask, 'When's your next secondary?' versus 'I don't see a CFO' and so that one





AN EVENTXPRESS INITIATIVE

# Ride Safe India for a Surakshit Bharat



Surakshit AatmaNirbhar Bharat: Ride Safe India, A CSR Initiative by TNIE and Hero MotoCorp



A Hero MotoCorp CSR INITIATIVE

In a significant stride towards advocating road safety, The New Indian Express Group and Hero MotoCorp jointly launched the Surakshit AatmaNirbhar Bharat: Ride Safe India initiative. This initiative, running from January 9, 2024, to February 15, 2024, stands as a cornerstone of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) endeavours. Crafted by The New Indian Express Group in collaboration with Hero We Care - Hero MotoCorp's CSR platform, the Ride Safe India initiative aims at imparting awareness and understanding among two-wheeler riders regarding personal safety measures and strict adherence to traffic regulations.

As part of this campaign, a total of 6,000 helmets and 6,000 jackets was distributed to riders across five cities for over a month. The inaugural day of the initiative witnessed the distribution of 200 jackets and an equal number of helmets to riders in the presence of esteemed dignitaries including Mutha Ashok Jain, IPS, Police Commissioner of Varanasi. Expanding its scope beyond Varanasi, the campaign progressed to Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Gorakhpur before concluding in Ayodhya.

From Ahmedabad, the notable figures included Safin Hasan, Deputy Commissioner of Police-Traffic; Ramesh Merja, IAS, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, South West Zone, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation; and Jayrajsinh Vala, IPS, Deputy Commissioner Of Police, Special Operation Group-Crime Branch Ahmedabad City.

In Lucknow, the well-known people who attended were Dinesh Pratap Singh, State Minister Horticulture; A.K. Sharma, Minister Urban & Power Corporation; Rajeswar Singh, MLA Sarojani Nagar, Lucknow; Prashant Kumar, DGP Police, Uttar Pradesh; Brajesh Pathak, Deputy CM, Uttar Pradesh; and B.D. Paulson IPS, ADG Traffic & Road Safety.

In Gorakhpur, among those who attended were Samrendra Vikram Singh, Sansad Pratinidhi, Tara Mandal Nauka Vihar- Gorakhpur; Gaurav Grover, SSP Police, Gorakhpur; Manglesh Kumar Srivastava, Mayor Gorakhpur; K.S.Pratap Kumar, ADG Gorakhpur; Shyam Dev, SP Traffic Police, Gorakhpur; and Anand Vardhan, Vice Chairman, Gorakhpur Development Authority.

In Ayodhya, among those who attended were Vishal Singh, VC Ayodhya Development Authority; Girish Pati Tripathi, Mayor Ayodhya; Ved Prakash Gupta, MLA Ayodhya; and Nitish Kumar, DM Ayodhya.

Lakshmi Menon, Chief Executive Officer of The New Indian Express Group, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to launch the Surakshit AatmaNirbhar Bharat: Ride Safe India outreach programme, emphasizing the critical need for such initiatives in a country facing a staggering number of road accidents annually. Bharatendu Kabi, Head of Corporate Communication & Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at Hero MotoCorp, highlighted the campaign's objective of promoting safe riding behaviour among two-wheeler riders, stressing the importance of helmet usage. Partnering with The New Indian Express Group in this noble initiative, Hero MotoCorp aims to instill a culture of responsible riding, particularly among the youth. The collaboration between The New Indian Express Group and Hero MotoCorp underscores a shared commitment to fostering road safety awareness and ensuring a safer environment for all road users. Through initiatives such as Surakshit AatmaNirbhar Bharat: Ride Safe India, they exemplify their dedication to creating a positive societal impact and shaping a more secure future for communities across India.



## Varanasi

Varanasi Police Commissioner, Mr Mutha Ashok Jain, distributing helmets at Chauka Ghat crossing as part of #SafeDriveIndia. Editorial director Prabhu Chawla (Left).



Shiv Pura- Distribution of Helmets & Jackets at Varanasi

1,200 Helmets and 1,200 Jackets in each city were distributed to riders across various locations during the one-month period



## Lucknow

Mr Brajesh Pathak, Deputy CM, Uttar Pradesh, & Mr Arvind Kumar Tripathi (MLC)



Mr Prashant Kumar, IPS DGP, Uttar Pradesh team (Center) sitting with his team-



## Gorakhpur

Dr. Gaurav Grover – SSP Police Gorakhpur along with Ms Anshika Verma- ASP



## Ayodhya

Mr Nitish Kumar IAS, DM Ayodhya, with TNIE Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla and CEO Lakshmi Menon



Mr Gaurav Dayal, IAS Commissioner, Faizabad, with TNIE Editorial Director Prabhu Chawla



Dr. K.S. Pratap Kumar, ADG Police (Gorakhpur)



## Ahmedabad

Distribution by Mr Safin Hasan, Deputy Commissioner of Traffic Police Ahmedabad



Mr Ramesh Merja- IAS, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, Ahmedabad.







Mukesh Kumar, who was released from the squad for the third Test in Rajkot, will join the squad in Ranchi as **Jasprit Bumrah** has been rested owing to workload management. Meanwhile, KL Rahul is ruled out of the 4th Test and his participation in the final Test in Dharamsala is subject to fitness.

## IPL SCHEDULE TO BE POSTED IN PHASES?

GOMESH S @ Ranchi

WHILE the 2024 edition of the Indian Premier League is likely to start on March 22, the announcement of the schedule is likely to be done in phases because of the general elections. As was the case in 2019, the entire season is expected to be played in India despite the Lok Sabha polls.

The IPL Governing Council,

chaired by Arun Singh Dhimal, is closely working with the government agencies to ensure the smooth conduct of the tournament. Meanwhile, it is understood that the schedule for the initial set of matches would be announced first to get the tournament going and the rest of the schedule will be an-



nounced once the election dates are out.

"We are planning to start it on March 22 and by that time, we will have the election dates out. Then we can take a call on the remaining set of matches. The initial set of schedule has to go out so that they can prepare for that. Once the election schedule gets announced, then we

will announce the rest (of the schedule)," a source keeping track of the developments told this daily.

It is not the first time the league has seen a phased-out announcement. In 2019, another year that had general elections, the schedule for the first two weeks was announced first and the rest of the league games were announced in phases.

Jaiswal, Gill & Sarfaraz have shown potential to become India's mainstays for years to come

GOMESH S @ Ranchi

ON day two of the Rajkot Test, even as Ben Duckett and Zak Crawley went about their business against Indian pacers, there was an interesting pattern emerging. Dhruv Jurel was keeping wickets, Sarfaraz Khan at first slip and Yashasvi Jaiswal at second. Shubman Gill, meanwhile, was at covers. That slip cordon and the close-in field was an indication of something significant.

Indian cricket's red-ball transition has been in progress for a while now. However, what one could witness in Rajkot was a clear representation of where the Indian team is in terms of the transition. Jurel and Jaiswal — batch of 2020 U19 World Cup — Gill (2018) and Sarfaraz (2014 and 2016) have come of age in a way that was visible ten years ago. Back in 2013-14, India's Test team post-Sachin Tendulkar's retirement had Shikhar Dhanwan, Cheteshwar Pujara and Rohit Sharma (2006 U19 WC batch), Virat Kohli (2008 WC) and Ravindra Jadeja (2006 and 2008 U19 WCs). For the better part of the next decade, (Rohit would be in and out of the Test side), these are the names that featured and defined the Indian Test line-up.

Ten years on, Jaiswal is dominating as an opener. Gill is settling into No.3 and Sarfaraz made a mark on debut at No. 5. Now, Kohli (at No. 4) and Rishabh Pant could come back and take their place in the team whenever they do. That said, these bunch of U19 cricketers could define what the Indian batting line-up looks like in years to come. No, it is not a superlative claim. Neither is it a psychobabble where the analogy fits the bill. Sarfaraz, senior-most of the lot, broke into the national side after piling on runs in the Ranji Trophy like Pujara did. Gill, after being the anointed batting prodigy when he broke in, is settling in at No. 3. Then there is



## Promising signs of marathon innings for trio

Jaiswal, the youngest of the lot, who could well be the next all-format superstar. The Mumbai batter dominated red-ball cricket and upskilled himself for the shortest format. Jurel loves red-ball cricket and has had a good start so far.

But let's be clear. Barring Jaiswal, none of the other batters have sealed their spots for the foreseeable future. Yes, Gill scored runs in the last two Tests but at the same time, he would want to continue the same. Jaiswal, on the other hand, has taken Test cricket like fish to see. Century on debut, back-to-back double centuries in this series — Jaiswal had heaped praise not just from India, but the opposition camp as well.

Ben Stokes, England captain, after the match in Rajkot, said: "If I said I didn't think he [Jaiswal] was any good, it'd be a rogue thing [laughs]. Geez, he's a great player to watch. I enjoy watching good players, even if it's

against me. (Watching him) today (Sunday) reminded me of watching Rishabh Pant. Pant is someone I love watching play. Early on, he took his time to get in, he struggled, but he sensed his opportunity to go after us and he did. He has had a fantastic start to his career, playing another unbelievable innings against us here."

And it comes as no surprise that not just Stokes, but every single person in the cricketing fraternity is talking about Jaiswal. This is why, when Rohit said "Itna bas hai abhi ke liye (this is enough for now)" you know where he was coming from. "I won't say anything on Jaiswal. Everyone is talking about him. Let him play. He is playing well, it's good for us and he is in good form. I am not going to say much more than that," he said. You can clearly see that the Indian captain wants to protect the youngster and does not want to say more than he should

adding unnecessary pressure or hype around Jaiswal. The same goes for Sarfaraz and Gill. As much as the former has played two U19 World Cups and is media trained from a very young age, Sarfaraz knows he is still finding his feet at the top level. Gill, who would have been all but dropped if not for the century in the second innings of the Visakhapatnam Test, knows what is at stake as well. These are three key slots of a batting line-up we are talking about — an opener, a No.3, and a No.5 (at least for now). And this is where the selectors and the team management had to be credited for backing them and not panicking when KL Rahul got injured.

What augurs well for the youngsters is — as was the case for Kohli and Pujara in 2012 — they have a long year of home Test season to buy themselves at least one full overseas cycle. Two more Tests against England, three against New Zealand and two against Bangladesh before India start travelling in late 2024. They will begin with an Australia tour in December this year and another five-Test series in England next year. By the end of that England tour in July 2025, if the three of them seal their spots in the Indian Test team, it is safe to say that Jaiswal, Gill and Sarfaraz will define Indian Test batting till the end of this decade.

## Govt officials 'assure' land to Jyoti

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Rourkela

THERE'S finally a sense of relief in the Jyoti Chhetri household. A day after it was reported that the young hockey star has been involved in a fight to save her house from a road-widening project in the Panposh area of the city, local government officials knocked on her door to ensure they will be given a plot of land where they can relocate.

"Today (Tuesday), some people from the tehsildar office came and took our aadhaar cards," Jyoti said. "They asked us if we would be able to build a home if they provided us with a plot. Since my father knows the craft (he's a mason), we have agreed to it. "Since they have promised us, I am confident a solution



to our problem has been found. I will now be able to play without concerns."

Meanwhile, Panposh sub-collector Bijay Nayak confirmed that the Rourkela tehsildar was sent for an inquiry. He said based on the tehsildar's finding a report would be sent to the government for appropriate direction. The family have stayed in the small house right opposite the Panposh sports hostel for at least the last 18 years. Bhim Singh (Jyoti's father) had earlier stayed inside the hostel quarters (he was working as a watchman) but had decided to go out after Jyoti's birth. A few years ago, local government

officials had warned the family that their house would be demolished because of a road-widening project linked to a newly commissioned bridge.

### Double joy for player

In double good news, Jyoti stands to receive ₹12.5 lakh from the Odisha government for the role she played during India's silver-medal winning campaign in the inaugural edition of Hockey 5s World Cup. "Mariana Kujur, Jyoti Chhatrui and Ajmina Kujur awarded ₹12,50,000/ each for their role in the Indian Women's Hockey Team..." a press release said. Two other players — Amit Rohidas and Deep Grace Ekka — will receive ₹3.75 lakh each for their performances in Asian Championships Trophy campaigns.

Inputs from Prasanjeet Sarkar



Everton's Amadou Onana (R) celebrates his goal against Crystal Palace | AFP

## Onana rescues Everton in PL

AGENCIES @ Liverpool

EVERTON midfielder Amadou Onana rescued a 1-1 draw against fellow strugglers Crystal Palace with a late equaliser just hours after the Eagles hired Oliver Glasner as their new manager on Monday.

Sean Dyche's side were in danger of a damaging defeat in the fight for Premier League survival after Jordan Ayew blasted Palace ahead with a fine finish in the second half at Goodison Park.

But Onana levelled with six minutes left to lift Everton out of the relegation zone above Luton on goal difference.

If Palace had held on, they would have moved eight points clear of the bottom three, but instead the gap to Luton is five points. It was a blow to former Eintracht Frankfurt boss Glasner, who was appointed by Palace after Roy Hodgson stepped down earlier on a dramatic day for the south London club.



### BLITZ-KRIEG

Chennai Blitz continued their roaring form, defeating the Kochi Blue Spikers 15-10, 15-12, 16-14 in the third season of the Prime Volleyball League at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on Tuesday | EXPRESS

### EXPRESS READ

#### Kohli becomes father of a baby boy

NEW DELHI: Star India batter Virat Kohli on Tuesday announced that he and his actor wife Anushka Sharma were blessed with a baby boy on February 15. Kohli and Anushka are already parents of a three-year-old daughter Vamika. "With abundant happiness and our hearts full of love, we are pleased to inform everyone that on 15th February, we welcomed our baby boy Akaay & Vamika's little brother into this world!" Kohli informed in an instagram post. Kohli had opted out of the ongoing five-Test series against England.

#### Gulveer loses gold due to 'lane infringement'

TEHRAN: India's Gulveer Singh lost his men's 3000m gold medal in the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships here after he was disqualified for 'lane infringement'. Gulveer had clocked 8 minutes 07.48 seconds to finish on top of the podium in the 3000m final, a non Olympic athletics event, late on Monday. He was later disqualified for lane infringement.

#### World TT C'ships: Manika & Co advance

BUSAN: The Indian women's team beat Spain 3-2 in its final group game and progressed to the knock-out phase of the World Table Tennis Team Championships. India were pushed against the wall after Sreeja Akula and Manika Batra lost the first two singles. After Ayhika Mukherjee kept India in the contest, Manika and Sreeja returned to get the job done in the fourth and fifth singles.

## CHASING GLORY

### PORTO VS ARSENAL

With five successive league wins, Arsenal have looked a different team since the start of new year and they'll be looking to continue that form when they travel to Portugal. Despite Gabriel Jesus's absence, the Gunners have scored 21 times since the start of 2024 and Porto will be wary of their attacking threat. Bukayo Saka has been one of the key figures in the London club's blistering run. Stopping him will be an essential part of Porto's game-plan at the Estadio do Dragao.

2006

Arsenal have never won the Champions League — losing their only final appearance against Barcelona in 2006.



Porto players during a training session on Tuesday | AFP

Free-scoring Arsenal travel to Portugal in historic Champions League bid while under-crisis Napoli take on Barcelona. A look at Wednesday's Round of 16, 1st leg ties...

### NAPOLI VS BARCELONA

Since Xavi Hernandez's announcement to step down as manager at the end of the season, Barca have won three league games and drawn one, although their performances have not been impressive. Striker Robert Lewandowski has found form with four goals in his last three games. Napoli are facing a crisis at the moment and they'll be playing under Slovakia coach Francesco Calzona for the first time after Walter Mazzari was sacked (their second sacking of the season) on Monday. Forwards Victor Osimhen and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia will be looking to give the home side a much-needed balm.



Napoli are a whopping 27 points behind league leaders (Serie A) Inter Milan after winning just four of 12 league matches since Mazzari took over.

LIVE ON SONY SPORTS NETWORK @ 1:30 AM (IST, THURSDAY)

## BMW to each player, ₹1 cr to team if they win Ranji: HCA prez

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE Hyderabad cricket team is back in the Elite field in Ranji Trophy after topping Plate Group. If this was not good news enough, what Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) top official announced would definitely be the cherry on top for the team. One crore rupees for the team and a BMW car for each cricketer in the team if they win Ranji Trophy in the next three years.

Just to put things in perspective, here's a recap. More than a year ago, hosts Hyderabad suffered their sixth straight defeat in an Elite Group B Ranji

Trophy match at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal. The crushing defeat and the horrendous show — six losses in seven matches with a solitary point — meant they finished at the bottom of the points table and were relegated to Plate Group.

The relegation was not new to the team as it suffered the same fate in 2009-10 and 2022-23 seasons as well but the recent failure was apparently more because of chaos at the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA). Allegations of corruption were rampant making the Supreme Court appoint an administrator to run the show. Given the



HCA president Arishnapally Jagan Mohan Rao with captain Tilak Varma

mess they were in, the priority of the newly-elected body led by Arishnapally Jagan Mohan Rao was to sort out on-field issues and make sure the team

got back to the Elite Group.

The first target was achieved on Tuesday as Tilak Varma-led side defeated Meghalaya by 5 wickets in Plate Group final to earn promotion to the Elite Group for the next season. The result was on the expected line as the other five teams in the group — Nagaland, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram — are considered minnows and gradually rising through the ranks.

But it hardly mattered as incumbent chief Jagan Mohan announced the bonanza. "It (announcement) was aimed at motivating the players and other stakeholders. Achieving the

target next year is realistically not possible so I gave them three seasons," Jagan Mohan, who assumed the office in October last year, told this daily.

Notably, Hyderabad had won the coveted title twice but competing among the 32 best teams and clinching the title will not be an easy task. Jagan Mohan also knows the fact and hence he wants to revamp the cricketing structure at the HCA.

He has also approached former India women's team captain Mithali Raj to guide the HCA with her expertise and decades-long experience to promote women's cricket.

Full story: newindianexpress.com





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| DATE                   | TIME              | EVENT                         | VENUE                                                                                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 23 February            | 6:30 PM onwards   | Opening Ceremony              | Khalsa College                                                                           |
| 24-25 February         | 10:30AM -12:30PM  | Literature Festival           | Partition Museum                                                                         |
| 24 -25 February        | 4:00PM - 6:00PM   | Carnival Parade               | Day 1: Red Cross - Ranjeet Avenue Ground<br>Day 2: Trillium Mall - Ranjeet Avenue Ground |
| 24-29 February         | 11:00AM - 5:00PM  | Seva Street                   | Townhall Heritage Street                                                                 |
| 24-29 February         | 11:00AM - 10:00PM | Foodistan & Shopping Festival | Ranjeet Avenue Ground                                                                    |
| 24-29 February         | 7:00PM - 8:30PM   | Digital Fest                  | Summer Palace                                                                            |
| 24-25 & 27-29 February | 7:00PM onwards    | Taal Chowk                    | Ranjeet Avenue Ground                                                                    |
| 25 February            | 7:00AM - 9:00AM   | Greenathon                    | Anand Amrit Park - Sadda Pind                                                            |
| 26 February            | 7:00PM onwards    | Punjabi Folk Night            | Gobindgarh Fort                                                                          |
| 29 February            | 6:30PM onwards    | Closing Ceremony              | Ranjeet Avenue Ground                                                                    |









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### POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule 8(1) (for immovable property))

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Hanumanthanager Co-operative Bank Limited**, H.O. : # 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanager, Bangalore – 560 019 under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers/legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule. The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **The Hanumanthanager Co-op. Bank Ltd.**, Head Office No. 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanager, Bangalore – 560 019.

| Loanee Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Balance Amount, Possession Date and Property Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | SCHEDULE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <br><b>Sri Sunil Kumar G</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>Demand Notice Dated 16-12-2023</b><br><b>Possession Notice Dated 16-02-2024</b><br><b>Balance Outstanding : Rs.52,75,650/- as on 16-02-2024</b><br><br><b>SCHEDULE</b><br>All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.13 (76/1/13), Katha No.76/1/13, situated at Vaddarapalya, Valagerahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Layout formed by The Karnataka Minorities Building Owner's Society Ltd., now comes under B.B.M.P, (Kengeri Sub-Division) Bangalore. | <b>East to West : 40'-00" Feet</b><br><b>North to South : 30'-00" Feet</b><br><br><b>East by :</b> Site No.28,<br><b>West by :</b> 80 Feet Road,<br><b>North by :</b> Site No.12,<br><b>South by :</b> Site No.14.                                                        |
| <br><b>Smt. Savitha K &amp; Sri Harish G</b><br><br><b>Smt. Shanthamma N (Surety)</b>                                                                      | <b>Demand Notice Dated 13-12-2023</b><br><b>Possession Notice Dated 15-02-2024</b><br><b>Balance Outstanding : Rs.4,79,354/- as on 15-02-2024</b><br><br><b>SCHEDULE</b><br>All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.19/10, (Eastern Portion) (Old No.10), Assessment No.19, situated at Herohalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, now comes under B.B.M.P, (Herohalli Sub-Division) Bangalore.                                                     | <b>East to West : 15'-00" Feet</b><br><b>North to South : 40'-00" Feet</b><br><br><b>East by :</b> Property No.9,<br><b>West by :</b> Remaining Portion of the same site,<br><b>North by :</b> Road,<br><b>South by :</b> Private Property.                               |
| <br><b>Sri Hanumantha Raj H &amp; Smt. Rukmini M (M/s. Aditya Convention Hall &amp; M/s. Rukmini Enterprises)</b><br><br><b>Sri Dinesh (Surety Holder)</b> | <b>Demand Notice Dated 13-12-2023</b><br><b>Possession Notice Dated 15-02-2024</b><br><b>Balance Outstanding : Rs.1,80,00,247/- as on 15-02-2024</b><br><br><b>SCHEDULE</b><br>All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.94, (Western Portion), Old No.42, Katha No.1062/300, situated at 1st 'A' Main Road, Sanjeeveninagara, Nagarabhabvi Village, Mudalapalya, now comes under B.B.M.P, (Chandra Layout Range) Bangalore with PID No.36-94.                                 | <b>East to West : 90'-00" + 81'-00" Feet</b><br><b>North to South : 71'-00" + 69'-00" Feet</b><br><br><b>East by :</b> H. Deepak Kumar's Property,<br><b>West by :</b> Private Property,<br><b>North by :</b> 1st 'A' Main Road,<br><b>South by :</b> Sri Saibaba Temple. |
| <b>Place: Bengaluru</b><br><b>Date 20.02.2024</b><br><br><b>Sd/- (Krishna D)</b><br><b>Authorised Officer and General Manager (I/C)</b><br><b>The Hanumanthanager Co-operative Bank Limited</b><br><b>Bangaluru-560019.</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North No.635 C (New No.25/2), 1st Main Road, E Block, 2nd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Dr Rajkumar Road, Bengaluru – 560 010, Mail Id: arb.bangalurnorth@unionbankofindia.bank, mobile: 9003223669

### E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for 30 days Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic Possession which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India (secured Creditor) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrowers and Guarantors. The Reserve Price and the Earliest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder:

1. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: 1(A). M/S A V Infrastructure, Prop. Mr Vijay Kumar R, No.192, 12th Block, 1st Main, Nagarabhabvi, Bangalore 560072. 1(B) Mr Vijay Kumar R, S/o S Y Ramesh, No.5/34, Byatarayanapura, Near Traffic Police Station, 5th Cross, Bangalore 560026. (2) Guarantor: Mrs Tejashwini K, No.5/34 Byatarayanapura, Near Traffic Police Station, 5th Cross, Bangalore 560026. **Amount due: Rs.3,56,16,479.64** (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Six Lakh Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Nine and Sixty Four Paise only) as on interest debited till 31.01.2024 + Future interest + Other expenses.

**Description of Property : SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY :** All the below mentioned properties numbered 1 to 6 formed out of the land measuring 3 acres 20 guntas in Sy.No.30/1A1A3 (Old Sy.No.30/1A1A formerly 30/P5, being a portion of survey no.30) situated at Chikkanaganmangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District bounded on : East by : Property in Sy.No.29 and Panchayath Road, West by : Property in Sy.No.30/1A1A1, North by : Property in Sy.No.29, South by : Property in Sy.No.30/1A1A2.

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : Property No.1 :** In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing No.1B08, in Block'B', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1B08 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By :Open Space & Block F, West By :Passage & Block C, West By :Passage & Flat 1B03, North By :Open To Sky & 1B07, South By :Open To Sky & 1B09.

**Property No.2 :** In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1E07, in Block'E', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1E07 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By:Open Space & Block F, West By:Passage & 1E03, North By:Open To Sky & 1E07, South By:Open To Sky & 1E08.

**Property No.3 :** In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1E08, in Block'E', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1E08 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By:Open Space & Block F, West By:Passage & 1E03, North By:Open To Sky & 1E07, South By:Open To Sky & 1E09.

**Property No.4 :** In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1F04, in Block'F', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1F04 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By:Passage & 1F07, West By:Open space & Block E, North By:Lift, South By:Open To Sky & 1F03.

**Property No.5 :** In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1F07, in Block'F', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON' measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1F07 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By:Open space, West By:Passage & 1F04, North By:Staircase, South By:Open To Sky & 1F08.

**Property No.6 :** In respect of residential flat owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing no.1F08, in Block'F', 1st Floor in apartment 'SHANDER DWELLINGTON', measuring 875 Sq.feet of super built up area with one car parking 1F08 along with the undivided share of common areas of 324 Sq.feet and the undivided share in the land comprised in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY bounded by : East By:Open Space, West By:Passage & 1F03, North By:Open To Sky & 1F07, South By:Open To Sky & 1F09.

**Property No.7 :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property owned by Mr.Vijaya Kumar R bearing corporation no.5/34 (Old No.25/3, renumbered as 5/1, subsequently assigned No.5(A), 5th Cross, Byatarayanapura, Gall Anjaneya Temple Road, Bangalore, within the Revenue Administrative Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike together with the building thereon comprising of Ground, First and second Floor site measuring: East to West : 32 ft, North to South : (45+35)/2 ft, On the Eastern side : 45 ft, On the Western side : 35 ft, Total area : 1280 square ft. And bounded as follows: East By : Private Property, West By : Private Property, North By : Private Property, South By : Road.

**Reserve Price : Property 1: Rs.34,00,000/-**  
**Property 2: Rs.31,00,000/-**  
**Property 3: Rs.31,00,000/-**  
**Property 4: Rs.34,00,000/-**  
**Property 5: Rs.31,00,000/-**  
**Property 6 : Rs.31,00,000/-**  
**Property 7 : Rs.1,33,00,000/-**  
**EMD : Rs.3,40,000/-**  
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**Rs.2,00,000/-**

Type of Possession : Symbolic Possession

2. Branch : Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore North : Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: Borrower: M/s A V Food Products Proprietrix: Mrs L Muniyamma alias Munirathnamma W/o H K Venkatappa No.7, 3rd floor, behind Venkateswara theatre, Vinohba colony, Avalahalli, Bangalore-560026. Proprietrix Mrs L Muniyamma alias Munirathnamma W/o H K Venkatappa No.7, 3rd floor, behind Venkateswara theatre, Vinohba colony, Avalahalli, Bangalore-560026. Guarantor: Mr Prashanth H V No.7, 3rd floor, behind Venkateswara theatre, Vinohba colony, Avalahalli, Bangalore-560026.

**Amount due: Rs.37,92,966.72** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Six and Seventy Two Paise only) as on interest debited till 31.01.2024 + Future interest + Other expenses.

**Description of Property :** All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being BBMP eastern portion of Site No.7, Sy.No.2, PID No.41-152-7 situated at Vinohba Colony, 3rd Cross, Avalahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore-560026 measuring East to West 15 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on the East by : Property No.8, West by : Remaining western portion of site no.7 belonging to Smt.L Sushila, North by : Road, South by : Private property.

**Reserve Price : Rs.56,00,000/-**  
**EMD : Rs.5,60,000/-**  
**Bid Multiplier : Rs.1,00,000/-**

Type of Possession : Symbolic Possession

The details of encumbrances, if any known to the Secured Creditor : Nil. However the interested bidders are requested to verify the EC & other relevant Documents at their end before bidding for the properties in the proposed e-auction. Date of Sale Notice : 16.02.2024

Account bearing Number 800001980050000 A/C Name : Inward RTGS IFSC Code : UBIN0580007  
Name of the Contact Person & Contact No. Chief Manager Mr. Moorthi.V, Contact No. 9003223669, Senior Manager - Ms. Ponni. S Contact No.6379023691

**Last date of EMD submission:**  
**On or before the commencement of e-auction**  
**Date & Time of E-auction: 27.03.2024 (Wednesday)**  
**from 11.00 A.M to 5.00 P.M with 10 min unlimited auto extensions**

Note: (1) The intending purchaser required to register through <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp>  
The amount of EMD (10%) should be paid through the Website [www.mstcecommerce.com](https://www.mstcecommerce.com) and the balance amount of sale price should be paid through the Account Number mentioned in the Sale Notice. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided as mentioned below banks website and e-auction agent website. Digital Signature is not mandatory.

[www.unionbankofindia.co.in](http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in) [www.mstcecommerce.com](http://www.mstcecommerce.com)

Place: Bengaluru  
Date: 16.02.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer  
Union Bank of India.



**THE HOTEL INDUSTRIALISTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,**  
Regd. Office: "Sahakara Sourabha", No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru - 560 018. Phone: 080-26678329, 26612482, 41277283,  
E-mail: ho@hicbank.com, Website: www.hicbank.com

Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice

### AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd, Chamarajpet Branch, Bangalore** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

| Sl. No.                                      | Name of the Borrower                                                                                                            | Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Reserve Price and EMD                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank                                            | Date & Time of opening tender & place of auction                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY</b> |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |
|                                              | <b>Mr. Nanjunda Swamy T V</b><br>S/o Late T M Veera Basappa,<br>No.165, Jnanabharathi Layout, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru-560056 | All that part and parcel of the owner property bearing Site No.2569, formed by BDA, situated at 2nd Block Extension, Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore, and in measuring on the East to West 9.00 meters and on the North to South 12.00 meters, in all measuring 108.00 square meters. Bounded By: East : Property bearing No.2570, West : Property bearing No.2568, North : Road, South : Property bearing No.2547. | <b>Rs. 75,52,500/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)</b><br><br><b>EMD: 10% of the Reserve Price</b><br><b>Rs.7,55,250/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Only)</b> | <b>Rs.9,83,006/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Six Only) as on 17/02/2024</b> | <b>28/03/2024</b><br><b>at 11.30 AM</b><br><br><b>The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd</b><br><b>Chamarajpet</b><br><b>Bangalore</b> |

**Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -** 1. The Tender form can be collected from **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., "Sahakara Sourabha" No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018.** (ph. 080-41277283) on all working days during office hours. 2. The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore** payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. 3. Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore** latest by **27/03/2024 before 5.00 P.M.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. 4. The property "SHALL NOT" be sold below the reserve price. 5. In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. 6. The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. 7. The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM on 28/03/2024**. 8. After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. 9. The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. 10. The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. 11. The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. 12. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. 13. The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. 14. The property is put for sale on "AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION". The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property. (15) In case of stay of further proceedings by DRT/DRAT/High Court or any other court, the auction may either be deferred or cancelled and persons participating in the sale shall have no right to claim damages, compensation or cost for such postponement or cancellation. (16) This is also notice to the (Borrowers / Mortgagors) aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if their dues are not repaid in full, other terms and conditions applicable as per the Act.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, **The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore "Sahakara Sourabha" No.234, 2nd Cross, 4th Main, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-560018,** for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Contact No.080-41277283) E-Mail: ho@hicbank.com

**Date: 20.02.2024**  
**Place: Bengaluru**  
  
**Sd/- Authorised Officer**  
**The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.**



### BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer (Ele), RR Nagar Zone,  
3rd Stage, BEML Complex, RR Nagar, Bengaluru - 560098

**No.: BBMP/EE/ELE/RRN/TEND/02/2023-24**  
**Date: 20.02.2024**

### INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Short Term / Single Cover)

(Through GoK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> only)

Executive Engineer (Ele), Rajarajeshwari Nagar Zone, invites Tenders in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, From eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike / KPWD / CPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any other equivalent Central / State Government Organizations.

| Sl.No.                 | Name of the work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                      | Providing electrical M & R to electrical crematorium including replacement of furnace coils, refractory materials and periodic cleaning of scrubbers using necessary spare parts, tools and skilled man power etc. complete at <b>Ward No. 37 Peenya, 32 Kengeri &amp; 41 Kottigepalya of RR Nagar Zone. (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 22.00, EMD: 50,000/- (3 Works).</b> |
| 2                      | Replacement of damaged UG Cable, Panel Board, poles and fittings etc., at parks and play grounds comes under Yeshwanthpura Constituency. <b>Ward No. 26 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 8.00, EMD: 20,000/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3                      | Replacement of damaged UG Cable, Panel Board, poles and fittings etc in <b>Ward No. 34 of RR Nagar Zone. (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 6.00, EMD: 15,000/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 4                      | Maintenance and Repair to Electrical yard lighting systems and other works to Electrical Crematoriums and Burial grounds comes under RR Nagar Zone. <b>Ward No. 41 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 20.00, EMD: 50,000/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| 5                      | Maintenance and Repair work to BBMP Buildings coming under Yeshwanthpura Assembly Constituency in RR Nagar Zone. <b>Ward No. 26 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 7.00, EMD: 17,500/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6                      | Maintenance and Repairs to Air condition systems coming under RR Nagar Zone. <b>Ward No. 44 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 5.00, EMD: 12,500/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 7                      | Maintenance and Repairs to mic, audio system and other works to auditorium at RR Nagar Zonal office. <b>Ward No. 44 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 7.00, EMD: 17,500/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 8                      | Maintenance and Repairs to Electrical installations of BBMP Buildings coming under RR Nagar Constituency. <b>Ward No. 45 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 15.00, EMD: 37,500/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 9                      | Maintenance and Repairs to DG set and it's accessories comes under RR Nagar Zone. <b>Ward No. 44 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 2.00, EMD: 5000/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10                     | Providing additional LED street lights, timers, AB cable and other accessories to <b>Ward No. 26, 27, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44 (Reserved for Others), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 10.00, EMD: 25,000/- (13 Works).</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11                     | Providing electrical M & R to Animal electrical crematorium including replacement of furnace coils, refractory materials and periodic cleaning of scrubbers using necessary spare parts, tools and skilled man power etc., complete at <b>Ward No. 41 Kottigepalya of RR Nagar Zone. (Reserved for SC), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 26.31, EMD: 26,310/- (1 Work).</b>                          |
| 12                     | Replacement of damaged UG Cable, Panel Board, poles and fittings etc at parks and play grounds comes under RR Nagar Constituency. <b>Ward No. 35 (Reserved for SC) Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 6.00, EMD: 7,500/- (1 Work).</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 13                     | Providing additional LED street lights, timers, AB cable and other accessories to <b>Ward No. 29, 33, 37, 45. (Reserved for SC), Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 10.00, EMD: 12,500/- (4 Works).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 14                     | Providing additional LED street lights, timers, AB cable and other accessories to <b>Ward No. 28, 32, 40. (Reserved for ST) Approx Value of work (in Lakhs): 10.00, EMD: 12,500/- (3 Works).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Total Works: 33</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Calendar of Events: (1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the kpp portal from: **21.02.2024 by 04.00 p.m.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through the kpp portal on or before: **29.02.2024 at 04.00 p.m.** (3) Technical bid will be opened on: **02.03.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or visit e-Procurement portal website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele), R R Nagar Zone, BBMP

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3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

### Tender Notification

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

• **Name of work -** Appointment or Project Management Consultant (PMC) for the construction of additional works in Government Polytechnic & Engineering Colleges at various places under Deposit Contribution works for more information about the tenders please visit the below mentioned website.

• Last date for submission of bid: 02.03.2024 up to 4 PM

• Notification No.:

|   |                                      |                       |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0032 |
| 2 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0033 |
| 3 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0034 |
| 4 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0036 |
| 5 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0037 |
| 6 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0038 |
| 7 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0039 |
| 8 | No: KHB/CE/PMC/DTE/NIT Dt:16.02.2024 | No.KHB/2023-24/SE0040 |

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3745/AKAR/2023-24



### KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

**No. SEE/Tr(W&M)/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/**



PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: (i) **SMT.ARUNA.M.N**, (ii) **SMT.ARAVINDA.M.N**, (iii) **SMT.SUCHETA.M.N** and (iv) **SMT.BHARATI LAKSHMI**, all are daughters of Late.M.L.Narasimha Murthy.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.174/1, PID No.49-63-174/1, measuring East to West (37' + 37'6")/2 and North to South (40' + 36')/2, together with a building thereon, situated at Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore and bounded on:

- East by : Site No.175
- West by : Corporation Land
- North by : H.B.Samaja Link Road Lane
- South by : Remaining portion of the property No.174

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**  
Advocate  
**GOUTAM ASSOCIATES**  
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,  
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

**FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**  
NOTICE is hereby given that M/S **Pioneer Project** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Clients **Mr.Siddharth Sankar Pany and Mrs Sankruti Dhar** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel **Mr. RADESH K.** Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore, within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

**SCHEDULE:**  
All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Plot No. 07, measuring 148.60 Square Meters in the Layout known as "CENTRAL AVENUE PHASE - 3", formed in Survey No. 36/3 measuring 1 Acre, situated at Gattahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.  
Contact : **Mr. RADESH BE, LL.B LL.M**  
Director - MM Legal Solutions Pvt.Ltd  
e-mail id : [radesh@mmlegalsolutions.com](mailto:radesh@mmlegalsolutions.com)  
Contact No : +91 7483943326

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL)** a company incorporated under the Indian Companies Act 1913 is intending to take Sub Lease from the Lease holder **Naveen N. S/o Nagesh A.M.The vacant Land in Survey No. 1/9 of Timmanayakanahalli Village, Sompur Hobli, Nelamangala taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka** State, containing by admeasurement as area 1570 Sq meters (16900 Sq Feet) from it's owner **SRI. MAHADEVAIAH T.N.** S/o Late. T.S. Nanjundappa Resident of Timmanayakanahalli Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka-562111, The land bounded on or towards East remaining portion of same Sy No. 1/9 on or towards west remaining portion of same Sy No. 1/9 on or towards North Sy No. 12 on or towards South by NH-648 road, for a period of 22 Years. If any person or entity (organized or Unorganized) other than above mentioned owner is having any right claim in any manner over the said property the same may be intimated to BPCL at following address within 15 days from today.

Territory Manager (Retail)  
Duparc Trinity, 7th Floor, #17, M G Road, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560001.  
Place: Bengaluru  
Date: 21.02.2024 Sd/-  
**B.D.SIDDAPPA, Advocate**  
Taluk Office Circle, Doddaballapur-561203  
Mob: 9342268181

**Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited**  
(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)  
(CIN - UO4010KA2002SGC030438)

Short Term Tender Notification  
(Through KPP Portal)

BESCOM invites Tender vide **Tender Enquiry No: BESCOM/2023-24/SE0114** for Availing Cyber Security Consultancy Services for BESCOM to evaluate, assess organization's computer systems, network, and software for vulnerabilities, then design and implement the best security solutions for the need of the company and for the immediate response, analysis and mitigate the damage caused by cyber-attacks for a period of 3 years with a provision to extendable for two more years based on the performance and on mutual consent. (CALL-2).

**Availability of Bid document:** On or after 21.02.2024  
**Last date for Receipt of bids:** 28.02.2024 upto 15.00 hrs.

The detailed notification can be obtained from the Website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

**Sd/- General Manager, DAS, BESCOM, BICC-I, 23rd Main, 17th Cross, 2nd Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru -560102.**

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**SADASHIVANAGAR BRANCH**  
394, Ground Floor, Upper Palace Orchards,  
13th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru

[Format-Y] E-Auction Sale Notice under SARFAESI Act 2002

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTIONS OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER TO AS THE ACT).

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to **Canara Bank, Bangalore**, the possession of which had been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank under Section 13(4) of the Act will be sold by E-Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and applicable interest, Charges and cost etc as detailed below.  
The Property described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" under rule no.8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) for the recovery of the dues detailed as under:

**1) Name and Address of Borrower : Mr. S.Mageswara**, Old No:1303 New No:36, 3rd Floor, ND Mansion, 6th Cross Srirampuram Bengaluru-560021.

**The Total Amount Due : Rs.12,89,073.71/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand and Seventy Three Rupees and Seventy One Paisa Only)** as on 20.02.2024 along with further interest, costs and expenses.

**Description of the immovable Property : SCHEDULE -1:** All that piece and parcel of a newly built upresidential (1 BHK) Flats in BDA property of ALUR Village Sy no. 113. And the total land measurements of 64 houses (including building) in Block no:35 and 36 is as follows West to West: 59.20 Mtrs, North to South: 17.50 Mtrs and the property is bounded as follows: East: Road, West: BDA Property/Road, North: Road, South: Passage.

**SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY:** Undivided share, right title interest and ownership in the Schedule-1 property is 33.526 Sqmtrs Total built up area and the Total Land measuring 1036 Sqmtrs will be shared by all 64 House owners.

**SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY:** All the piece and parcel of Residential 1BHK flat constructed in Schedule-1, Property under Stage 2, Type 2, B36 Block, Ground floor, Flat No.B36-004 measuring 33.526 sqmtrs. And the Property, together with proportionate share and right to use in the common areas, passages, Lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and bounded on the: East: House No. B36/005, West: House No. B36/003, North: Passage, South: House No.B36/001.

**Known encumbrances, if any:** Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

The details regarding E-Auction are Mentioned below:

| Date and Time of E-Auction                  | 28.03.2024, 10.00 AM to 12.30 PM                                                                                                             |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Reserve Price (Rs. in Lakhs)                                                                                                                 | EMD (Rs. in Lakhs) |
|                                             | Rs. 10.56 lakhs                                                                                                                              | Rs. 1.06 Lakhs     |
| DD Favoring on (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer)    | Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, Sadashivanagar Branch, Account No. 6928295000001, IFSC Code CNRB0006928, on or before 27.03.2024 At 5.00 pm |                    |
| Bid Factor                                  | Rs. 10,000/-                                                                                                                                 |                    |
| Date & Time of Inspection                   | 27.03.2024, 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM.                                                                                                             |                    |

Details of Auction service provider : M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD, (Contact No. 9480691777/8553643414; E- Mail: [eauction@ccsl.co.in](mailto:eauction@ccsl.co.in). Contact Person Name: MR PAKHARE D / MR. RAMESH T H.

- The EMD shall be deposited through RTGS (NEFT/ Fund Transfer to the credit of respected Accounts Mentioned above before Submitting bids online. EMD can also be paid by way of Pay Order / Demand Draft in favour of **Canara Bank** payable at Bangalore.
  - The intending bidders should submit the duly filled in Bid form (format available in the above website) along with DD/PO/Quoting the UTR No. of NEFT / RTGS remittance towards EMD in a Sealed cover addressed to the Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, above Mentioned Address (Address of AO) so as to reach on or before above mentioned date.
  - Bidders are advised to visit the Bank's website <https://www.indianbanksale.com> for detailed e-auction notice wherein all the terms and conditions of e-auction sale are furnished. Bidders may also visit the website of service provider or contact them as per the details given above for any clarifications / queries.
  - Intending bidders shall hold a valid Digital Signature Certificate. Active email address and PAN number.
  - The Undersigned has the absolute right and discretion to accept or reject any bid or postpone/cancel the sale or modify any terms and conditions of the sale without any prior notice and assigning any reason.
  - The sale shall be subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the Act, Rules and the Conditions Prescribed in the detailed terms and conditions published in the website.
  - For further details contact the **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**, Above Mentioned address.
- Please treat this also as a notice under rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s /Mortgagor/s of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the said sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not repaid in full.

The interested bidders are requested to visit the bank's website for detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale which may be read as part and parcel of this advertisement.

Note : EMD Shall be stipulated at 10% of the reserve Price. \* depending upon the asset of movable or immovable or both - retain the respective portion.

**Date : 20.02.2024** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**

**Place: Bengaluru** **Canara Bank**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE**  
**CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP, HAL Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 017 ( Phone: 080 25084177, 4184, 4156)**  
**BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE**

| Sl.No | Description                                                | Details                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Name of work                                               | Providing Aluminium Partition with Foldable Stackable Door at 1.8m TVAC Chamber Facility at URSIC Main Campus, Vimanapura, Bengaluru 560017. | Providing and laying vitrified tile flooring in MPOG and SMCSG Engineers sitting area, 3rd floor, canteen Building Main Campus, URSIC, Vimanapura, Bengaluru-560017. | Providing and fixing of Gypsum board partitions at various locations in Main Campus, URSIC Vimanapura and ISITE Campus, Marathahalli, Bengaluru for a period of one year. |
| 2     | E-Tender Notice No.                                        | URSIC/C&MG/CTN/24/2023-24, dated:15.02.2024                                                                                                  | URSIC/C&MG/CTN/25/2023-24, dated:15.02.2024                                                                                                                          | URSIC/C&MG/CTN/26/2023-24, dated:15.02.2024                                                                                                                               |
| 3     | Estimated cost put to tender                               | ₹ 8.20 Lakhs                                                                                                                                 | ₹ 18.05 Lakhs                                                                                                                                                        | ₹ 23.20 Lakhs                                                                                                                                                             |
| 4     | Tender Document details                                    | E-Tender                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5     | Period of completion                                       | THREE MONTHS                                                                                                                                 | FOUR MONTHS                                                                                                                                                          | TWELVE MONTHS                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6     | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)                                | Rs. 16,400/- valid for 180 days                                                                                                              | Rs. 36,100/- valid for 180 days                                                                                                                                      | Rs. 46,400/- valid for 180 days                                                                                                                                           |
| 7     | Period during which the tender document can be downloaded. | From 09.30 hrs on 20.02.2024 to 16.30 hrs on 07.03.2024                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8     | Bid clarification                                          | From 10.30 hrs on 21.02.2024 to 17.00 hrs on 08.03.2024                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9     | Last date of reply to Bid Clarification                    | Up to 17.00 hrs. on 11.03.2024                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 10    | Last date and time for receipt of tenders                  | Up to 14.30 hrs. on 12.03.2024                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11    | Due date and time of opening of tenders                    | 14.30 hrs onwards on 12.03.2024                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                           |

Interested tenders may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: [www.isro.gov.in](http://www.isro.gov.in) and download the tender documents from [www.tenderwizd.com/ISRO](http://www.tenderwizd.com/ISRO).

Group Director (C&MG)

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

**Corporate Office :** 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.  
**Zonal Office :-** No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).  
**Jayanagar ( Old Brach Bommanahalli) Branch :**Office No. 180,Amrutha ,5Th Main,4Th Block West, Jayanagar,Bangalore-560011,(KA).  
**A.O : Manjunatha K R.** Mob : 9480074594.

PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the **Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002)** of the properties ("the Secured Asset") given below. The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

| Sl No. | Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower                                                                                       | Demand Notice Date & Amount | Reserve Price (RP)                         | Total O/s Amount as on      | Description of the Immovable property                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.     | Loan Code: 21300000210 Jayanagar ( Old Brach Bommanahalli) Branch) Poomlisa S (Borrower) P V Chandrashekar (Co Borrower) | 09-08-2021<br>₹5,51,138.00  | ₹8,00,000.00<br>(Rupees Eighty Lakhs Only) | 05-12-2023<br>₹ 8,01,340.00 | Plot No.68, Sy. No. 63/4, J. P. Enclave, Near Eagelton Talaguppa Village, Bidadi Hobli, Bengaluru-562109, Karnataka. Bounded : <b>East By :</b> Site No. 69, <b>West By :</b> Site No. 67, <b>North By :</b> Road and <b>South By :</b> Site No. 85. |

The **Authorised Officer** will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on "As is where is Basis", "As is what is basis" and "Whatever there is basis". AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. This is **15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002** is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s)** that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

**The Date of Auction is fixed for 07-03-2024**

**Place : Jayanagar**  
**Date : 21.02.2024**

**Authorised Officer**  
**Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

**GOA STATE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**  
7 Floor, EDC House, Dr. Atmaram Borkar Road, Panaji - Goa  
Tel.: (0832)-2493550 Email : [email@gsidcltd.com](mailto:email@gsidcltd.com)

TENDER NOTICE

**No: GSIDC/ENGG/NIT-133/2023-24** **Date: 20/02/2024**  
GSIDC invites online bids under two bid system on Item Rate Basis from eligible Contractors / Agencies for the work of :-  
**(A) Construction and Upgradation of Fishing Jetty at Malim – Phase I- Balance Works. – (Estimated Cost – Rs.18,15,67,244.00).**  
**(B) Scanning of GSIDC Documents. – (Estimated Cost – Rs.18,65,000.00).**

For detailed Tender Notice, please visit website <https://www.gsidcltd.com>

IN THE COURT OF THE XXII ADOL. CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU  
**C.Misc. No. 216/2024**  
BETWEEN : Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Patil, S/o. Late Sebarangan Patil, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No.C-1/20 Plots Dr. Zakur Hussaid Marg, Buzza Nagar, New Bell, Petitioner.  
AND : THE REGISTRAR BIRTHS AND DEATHS, BBMP, Bengaluru, Respondent.  
**PAPER PUBLICATION**  
Whereas the Petitioner above named filed the Petition in C.Misc. No.216/2024 for an order of direction to concerned authorities to issue of Death Certificate of deceased, who is the father of Petitioner named as Sebarangan Patil, S/o. Rabi Ramesh Patil as he died on 28.12.2021 at Kasi Ganarika Care Centre, No.51/30, 3 Stage, 4th Block HBR Layout, Bengaluru is required for the documentation purpose and to maintain family status quo.  
Any person interested in the matter, may appear before the above court on or before 20.03.2024.  
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court this the 20.02.2024.  
By Order of the Court, Shri. Shastri, XXII ADOL. CHIEF Advocate for Petitioners : K. Anand Kumar, Advocate No. 45, L & T Layout, Amruthahalli, Bengaluru.

**PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY**  
**e-TENDER CALL NOTICE (TCN)**  
**No. FA/EDP/POS-06/2023/32**  
**Name of the work "Facility Management of Integrated Port Operation System (POS) and SagarSetu". Estimated cost: Rs.1,51,53,037/-, Last date & time of submission of bid: dt.11/03/2024 up to 17.00 Hrs.**  
Refer our website for details  
<https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>.  
**Sd/- Dy. Director, EDP Cell, F&A**  
**PPAPR/88/2023-24** **dt.d. 19.02.2024**

**HDFC BANK**

Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013

Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001

Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: [www.hdfcbank.com](http://www.hdfcbank.com)

SYMBOLIC COINCESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

| Sr. No. | Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)    | Outstanding Dues                                                                                                                                                                              | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession | Description of The Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 1       | Mr. Muthyala Chandra Sekhar (Borrower)                              | Loan A/c No: (1) 643604105 Rs.22,02,217/- (2) 643949956 Rs.28,458/- Total Amount Rs.22,30,675/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five Only) as on 30.09.2023      | 30.10.2023            | 20.02.2024         | <b>Schedule –A:</b> All that piece and parcel of residential converted property bearing Survey No.15/2, measuring 2 acre 13 guntas out of 4 acres 5 guntas, including 1 gunta karab land converted for residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN-SR(S)24 of 2004-05, dated : 04.03.2005, issued by deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, having Property ID Property No.150200100100920497 and Panchayath E- Katha No.745/15/2, situated at Kadaagrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : <b>East by:</b> Remaining Portion of same Sy.No.15/2, <b>West by:</b> Land in Sy.No.15/1 belongs to Kurubana Ramaiah, <b>North by:</b> Road and remaining Portion of same Sy.No. 15/2, <b>South by:</b> Land belongs to Lakshmaiah Reddy in B.Hosahalli Village.<br><b>Schedule –B:</b> 328 Sq.ft, undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in schedule "A" Property (proportionate to the Schedule C Property).<br><b>Schedule –C:</b> A Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.040, Ground Floor, of the project "BAVISHA URBAN HOMES PHASE II" to be built in Schedule "A" Property, having Panchayath E Katha No. 849/040, (PID No. 150200100100920649), with super built up area measuring 683 Sq.ft including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, Vitrified flooring, staircases and other area of common use together with right to use with one covered car parking space in the Slit floor of the building, and bounded on: <b>East by:</b> Common Open Area, <b>West by:</b> Corridor and Flat No.039, <b>North by:</b> Duct and Flat No.041, <b>South by:</b> Duct and Flat No.038. |
| 2       | Mr. Kaushik Kumar Das (Borrower) and M/S The Premium (Co-Borrower), | Loan A/c No: (1) 625303433 Rs.33,47,616/- (2) 627145520 Rs.71,320/- Total Amount Rs.34,18,936/- (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Six Only) as on 30.09.2023 | 11.10.2023            | 20.02.2024         | <b>Schedule-A:</b> All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted Sy.No.48, present BBMP Katha No.2442/Sy.No.48, Municipal No.07, (converted vide the order of the Special Deputy Commissioner dated 05/03/2010, bearing No.ALN(EV)HSR-232/2009-10), situated at Munnekolala Village, Varthur Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, now coming under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring about 23 Guntas, and bounded on the <b>East by:</b> Chandra Reddy's property and Thubarahalli boundary; <b>West by:</b> Road; <b>North by:</b> Portion of Sy.No.48 belonging to Sri A.Muni Reddy; <b>South by:</b> Road.<br><b>Schedule-B:</b> 335 Sq. feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule "A" above.<br><b>Schedule-C:</b> Flat bearing No.009, in the Ground Floor, measuring about 1180 Sq.feet super Built up area, containing two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with One Covered Car Parking Space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multi storied residential building known as "SARANYA ENCLAVE" constructed over schedule "A" Property.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

\*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.  
However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.  
The borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.  
Borrower/s attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.  
Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Sd/- Authorised Officer  
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002



SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Corporate Office: #109, Shankar mutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.  
[www.vcb.co.in](http://www.vcb.co.in), Email: [corporate@vcb.co.in](mailto:corporate@vcb.co.in) PH No. 22956419/20

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **13.03.2024** "as is where is and as is what is basis" for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

**1. Sri.P.Mani**, SF-5, Sripada Enclave, 2nd Floor, Yelachenahalli, Bangalore-560062. **2. Smt.K. Jayamma**, SF-5, Sripada Enclave, 2nd Floor, Yelachenahalli, Bangalore-560062. **3. Sri.M.Naveen Kumar**, SF-5, Sripada Enclave, 2nd Floor, Yelachenahalli, Bangalore-560062.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website: <https://www.bankeauction.com> on **13.03.2024, Wednesday from 10.30 AM** for Recovery of an amount for **Rs.1,01,97,665/- (Rupees One Crore One Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Five Only)** due and payable amount as on **31.01.2024** and further interest at contractual rate from **01.02.2024** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.,

**Description of the property: Property Schedule – A:** All that Piece and Parcel of the immovable property bearing portion of Corporation No.45, PID No.96-310-45 (formerly being portion of Sy.No.28/4 of Vishwanatha Nagenahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) situated at 8th 'A' Cross, Kanakanagar, Bangalore Ward No.96, measuring East to West (322+50+230)/3 and North to South (199+167+40)/3 in all 53,359 square feet and bounded on: East by: Private property, West by: Road & retained portion to the extent of 167 '50 feet, North by: Private property, South by: Private property.

**Schedule-B:** 325sq.ft of undivided share in land out of 53,359 square feet in property bearing corporation No.45, PID No.96-310-45 (formerly being portion of Sy.No.28/4 of Vishwanatha Nagenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) situated at 8th A Cross, Kanaka Nagar Bangalore Ward No.96.

**Schedule -C:** Residential Apartment lower bearing No.GF-04, situated in the Ground floor of the residential complex known as 'Eswari Enclave. Lotus south Block', being constructed on the Schdule 'A' property with 1292 of sq. feet built up area with one covered Car Parking slot in the basement floor and including all rights privileges easementary rights appurtenances thereto.

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Reserve Price</b>                                                            | <b>Rs.29,90,000/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)</b> |
| <b>Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)</b>                                              | <b>Rs.2,99,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Only)</b>      |
| <b>Bid increment Amount</b>                                                     | <b>Rs.29,900/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Only)</b>    |
| <b>Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents</b> | <b>12.03.2024 UPTO 4.30 PM</b>                                        |
| <b>Date and time of opening of online offers</b>                                | <b>13.03.2024, Wednesday from </b>                                    |



## BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I AT BANGALORE

New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhawan Road Bangalore - 560001

Original Application No. 766/2020

BETWEEN: Canara Bank ...Applicant

AND ...Defendant

Mohamed Muzamil Ahmed

**SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS**

**UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.**

**BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To: Mr. Mohamed Muzamil Ahmed

S/o. Mohamed Fayaz K. No.181/A, 4th Main, Minnah Nagar, Kadriehalli, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078

PAN: bawpnr1747K

2. Mrs. Sabhi Parveen, W/o. Mohamed Muzamil Ahmed, No. 181/A, 4th Main, Minnah Nagar, Kadriehalli, J.P. Nagar Bangalore -560078

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.36,66,125.68/-** only with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **19/04/2024 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **47/02/23**.

Sd/- Signature of the Officer (Authorized to issue Summons)

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BANGALORE

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The following original sale deeds pertaining to Property bearing Municipal No.14/2, BBMP PID No.77-13-14/2, situated at C. Rudramuniyappa Road, (Old 8th Cross Road) Sampangiramanagar, Bangalore, 560078, Ward No.110-Sampangiramanagar, measuring East to West 09 Feet and North to South 26 Feet, totally measuring to an extent of 234 Square Feet along with building thereon consisting of Ground and First Floor, totally build up area of 250 Square Feet and bounded on East by Property belongs to K. Maryappa and Munchinamma, West by: Property belongs to Siddappa, North by: C.Rudramuniyappa Road and South by: Property belongs to Mallasiddappa, is been last, My Clients Smt. Lab and Sri. Venugopal, D lodged a Police Complaint on 17-02-2024, regarding the loss of documents in Sampangiramanagar Police Station, Bangalore.

i. Original Registered Sale Deed, dated 15-12-1994, vide Document No.3976/1996-97 of Book I, Volume No.4122, at Pages 28 to 49, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, dated 05-04-1995.

ii. Original Registered Sale Deed, dated 31-03-1997, vide Document No.3976/1996-97 of Book I, Volume No.4122, at Pages 28 to 32, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, dated 12-01-1998.

Public at large may take notice that my client will not be held responsible in the event of unauthorized & illegal use of the stolen document. Finders may kindly inform the undersigned Person within 15 days of this public notice otherwise My clients will proceed with all future transaction without the original documents and state that it is lost beyond recoverability if not found and use the certified copies to enforce the same thereof.

Sd/- M. RAMACHANDRA, Advocate No.18/4, Beemanna Garden, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560 027. Mob: No.9890616902. Date:20-02-2024

## BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I AT BANGALORE

New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhawan Road Bangalore - 560001

Original Application No. 767/2020

BETWEEN: Canara Bank ...Applicant

AND ...Defendants

Mrs. Geethanjali R & Ors

**SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS**

**UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.**

**BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION**

To: 1. Mrs. Geethanjali R W/o. Padmanabhan S, No.21, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main, Panna Layout, Khatha No.44/2 Horamavu, Bangalore 560 040

2. Mr. S. Padmanabhan, S/o. Shathana Krishnan No.21, 2nd floor, 2nd Main, Panna Layout, Khatha No.44/2 Horamavu, Bangalore - 560 040

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 42,36,073.22/-** only with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **29/05/2024, at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **03/08/2023**

Sd/- Signature of the Officer (Authorized to issue Summons)

DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BANGALORE

## PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that I, PARVATHAMMA W/o V.K.Jayaram residing at Gollarahalli Grama, Mududi Post, Gandasi Hobli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan-573119, Karnataka the under signed here below would like to bring to your kind notice that I have lost the following original document while commuting in Kengeri bus stand on 17/02/2024.

Last sheet of Original Sale deed (page no 7 & 8 per registration) bearing document number **BDA-1-02498-2016-19** dated 18-07-2018 stored in CD No BDAD239 executed by Bangalore Development Authority in favour of MR Mohan S Mural with respect to plot no 1095 Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, 'H' Sector, 1st Block Measuring East to west 18 Mtrs and North to South 12 Mtrs.

I have also registered a police complaint on 17/02/2024 vide Lost report no 0937548/2024, this is to notify the general public that if they track/know about the whereabouts of the said document they shall intimate/handover the document to PARVATHAMMA W/o V.K.Jayaram residing at Gollarahalli Grama, Mududi Post, Gandasi Hobli, Arasikere Taluk, Hassan-573119, Karnataka. PARVATHAMMA 20/2/2024, Bangalore

## PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri R.RAVICHANDRAN, S/o. Ramaswamy Pillai, Aged about 58 years, Residing at: No. 68/1, K.P.Road, Jayanagar 7th Block, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore- 560070, has purchased the schedule property from SOUTHERN INDIA TRANSPORT SERVICE, Represented by its Proprietor Sri UDAY SHANMUGA, S/o N. Shanmug, via No. 1402-A, Birchwood Hirandandi, Gardens, A.S.Marg, Powai, Mumbai 400076, through Registered Sale Deed in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Srirampura, Bangalore on 15.02.2024. While we have discussed to purchase the schedule property, at that time, the earlier owner Sri Uday Shanmug has informed us that he has lost the earlier mother deed including all other original documents in respect of schedule property, while he was travelling near Kantrivara Studio. Subsequently, he came to know that he has lost the entire original documents in respect of schedule property. Hence, he had lodged a complaint on 31.03.2023 before local jurisdictional police station. Stating that my client issued this Public Notice stating that if the documents found by any person, handover the same to him or my office. Any persons, Companies, Banks, Financial Institutions etc., asserting any right, title, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property, should write to the undersigned within Seven days from the date of issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof, and it shall be deemed that they will be punished as criminal offence in case of default of sale i.e., 15.02.2024 with regard to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE All that part and parcel of property bearing No.82, (Old No.8-12B), situated at 3rd Main Road, D. Dewaraj Srs Truck Terminals Ltd., Industrial Suburb, 2nd Stage, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore, the Property Presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). No.16/12, Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross, 2nd Main, Nandini Layout. 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096. AO Name : Vijayalakshmi B K, Contact No.: 9986698893.

East By : Property bearing No.8-127 West By : Property bearing No.8-129 North By : Property bearing No.8-115 South By : Road

(MADHU HP) ADVOCATE, #9, 3/6, Ground Floor, Hari Mansion, Opp. Uma Theatre, Bull Temple Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018 email: madhuputtaswamy@gmail.com Mobile: 9880241552 / 8884449999

## केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Rajajinagar 1st Block Branch, No.8, 2nd Floor, Next to Godrej Show Room, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore-560010

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)

**SALE NOTICE**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block Branch, No.8, 2nd Floor, Next to Godrej Show Room, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore-560010 will be sold "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 26.03.2024 for recovery of Rs. 37,16,593.77 Paise (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred & Ninety Three and Seventy Seven paise Only) as on 19.02.2024 with further interest/charges due to Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore-560010 from Borrower(s): (1) Smt. Rathnamma B. W/o.Late Sri.V.Jayananda, No.210, Ivarakandapura Village, Hesaraghatta Lake, Bangalore-560089. (2) Smt. Rathnamma W/o. Sri.Bhalyappa, No.212, Ivarakandapura Village, Hesaraghatta Lake, Bangalore-560089.

The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **25.03.2024, before 4.00 p.m.** favoring the Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore, or through online payment to Account No. 209272434 (IFS Code : CNRB0001145), the description of the property is as under.

Description of the Immovable Property Reserve Price EMD Amount Incremental value at Bid

All that piece and parcel of the Property being the Residential Site bearing No.142, carved out of Survey Nos.192 and 193, E-Katha No.139/142, E-Katha I.D.No.150200202700700483 situated at Ivarakandapura Village, within the limits of Hurachikkanahalli Village Panchayath, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 1,200 Square Feet alongwith the building standing thereon and bounded :- On the East by : Private Property. On the West by : Property belonging to Sri.Kenchappa, On the North by : Property belonging to Smt.Padmavathi, On the South by : Road.

Date & Time of Auction : 26.03.2024 & 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM, Date of Sale Notice 20.02.2024.

Property Inspection Date : with prior appointment with authorized officer, during office hours.

Place of Auction : Online. www.bankauctionwizar.com

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

Details of Auction service provider: M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. Contact Person Mr. Pakhare D / Mr. Ramesh. T.H, Bengaluru (Contact no.9480691777 & 8553643144, e-mail: auction@ccsl.co.in).

For further details contact Canara Bank, Rajajinagar 1st Block Branch, No.8, 2nd Floor, Next to Godrej Show Room, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore-560010, Phone No.080-23321120 and mobile No 9952950594, during office hours on any working day. OR the Service Provider M/s Canbank Computer Services Ltd. Bengaluru (Contact no. 9480691777 & 8553643144, e-mail: auction@ccsl.co.in)

Place: Bengaluru Date : 20.02.2024

Sd/- Authorised Officer Canara Bank

## pnb punjab national bank

### SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act(SARFAESI), 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property(ies) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

The auction will be held on 07.03.2024 from 11.00 AM to 05.00 PM

### SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS

| Sl. No. | Branch Name :<br>Branch Contact No :<br>A/C Name :<br>A/C No :                                                                                                                                                                       | Description of the property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | A) SARFAESI Details Possession<br>B) Outstanding Amount in Rs.                                                                    | A) Reserve Price<br>B) EMD<br>C) Bid Increase Amount            |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Bangalore J P Nagar Branch sol id: 159400 Mob No. 9962022231 Nanjunda Setty A & Saraswathi N A/C No. 159400RM00000037                                                                                                                | All that part and parcel of residential cum commercial building bearing No. 814/607(old no. 387/607/581), Municipal Main Road near Vasavalli Temple, Magadi Town, Magadi-562120, Land measuring East to west : 20 feet and North to south : 100 feet, total area of 2000 sq ft having building consists of Ground floor and First Floor having area of 1248 sq ft each and Second floor having 1050 sq ft area. Total Built up area of 3546 sq ft and bounded on East by: A S Puttaranga Shetty and other property, West by: Narayan Shetty and others property, North by: Sri S R Narayan Shetty and others property and South by: Municipal Main Road. Latitude: 12.957010, Longitude: 77.225279                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | A) 13(2): 15.05.2021 13(4) : -16.03.2022 (Physical)<br>B) Rs. 57,91,836.11 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA   | A) Rs.54,00,000.00<br>B) Rs.5,40,000.00<br>C) Rs.50,000.00      |
| 2       | Rajajinagar (408000), Bangalore Mob No. 9962022231 Mr. Sandesh H A/C No. 408000NC00005332, 408000990000415, & 408000NG00005303                                                                                                       | RCC roofed Independent House with built up area of 787.75 sqft bearing municipal No. 109, situated at Mallathahalli Bangalore Formally Site No. 109, Khata No. 129 at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North, Now comes under the administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP PIDNO: 129-129-109, measuring East to West 47'54"2 feet and North to South 12.5 +37/2 feet, totally measuring 1003 Sq. ft. Bounded on : East By: Road, West By: 3 feet passage and Chandrashekar and M.H. Manjunath's, North By : Maranna's property and, South By : Road. Landmark: Amedbedkar College Junction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | A) 13(2): 14.07.2016 13(4) : 26.12.2016 (Physical)<br>B) Rs. 56,83,884/- Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA     | A) Rs.44,10,000.00<br>B) Rs.4,10,000.00<br>C) Rs.50,000.00      |
| 3       | Jayanagar (128700) Mob No. 9962022231 SSG Exports, M/s Mallalla Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. Shri M Pawan Kumar S/o M Nagi Reddy & Smt M Latha Preethi W/o M Pawan Kumar A/C No. 1287008700000988, 128700IB000005196, & 128700IL00000049 | All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No 308-109 (Old Site No 308), in all measuring 3039 sq ft situated at 2nd Main Road, 23rd Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Yadiyur Ward 157, Bangalore -560 070, and bounded on East By : Road, West By : Private Property, North By : Remaining Property of Neelakanta & South By : Property No 307/7 belongs to Donor. Latitude: 12.932630 Longitude: 77.578202 Mortgagor Latha Preethi                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | A) 13(2): 13.10.2021 13(4) : -04.02.2022 (Physical)<br>B) Rs. 6,39,83,345.00 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA | A) Rs.5,20,25,490.00<br>B) Rs.52,02,549.00<br>C) Rs.50,000.00   |
| 4       | Bangalore Jayanagar (128700) Mob No. 9962022231 Arovea Pinnacle Private Limited A/C No. 4128700IL00000058, 1287008700000960                                                                                                          | Residential Apartment being Duplex Flat bearing No. S-0001 (S-1) in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor in the apartment building known as 'Linea Apoorva' constructe in Schedule 'A' property with super built up area of 4833 sq.ft. together with 1107.08 sq.feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule A property alongwith three covered parking area measuring 600 sq.ft. of built up area in the stilt floor situated at property bearing Municipal No.451/9, New Municipal No.9, in ward No.58, PID No. 58-12-9, formed by Bangalore City Improvement Trust Board (Now known as BDA) Situated at 18th main road, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, now property comes under the administrative jurisdiction of Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, standing in the name of Smt Sreelakshmi H N and Shri Varun Kumar M N and bounded on the East by: Site No. 478, West by: 18th main Road, North by: Site no. 450 and South by: Site no. 452.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | A) 13(2): 04.02.2022 13(4) : -19.04.2022 (Symbolic)<br>B) Rs. 2,83,14,250.20 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA | A) Rs.4,47,30,000.00<br>B) Rs.44,73,000.00<br>C) Rs.4,50,000.00 |
| 5       | EGL BUSINESS PARK, DOMLUR(7547) Mob No. 9962022231 Sowmya B A/C No. 754700NC00001438                                                                                                                                                 | <b>SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY:</b> All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Residential Site bearing No.15, Khatha No.60/2, previously coming under City Municipal Council, Bommanahalli CMC Katha No. 365-60-2/15, now coming under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Jurisdiction, bearing B.B.M.P Katha No.264/365/60/2/15, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 80 Feet in totally measuring 4,000 Square Feet, Bounded By: East by: Site bearing No.16, West by: Property of Sri Narayanaswamy, North by: Road, South by: Property of Sri Narayanaswamy.<br><b>SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:</b> 260 Square Feet of undivided right, title and interest of land in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above.<br><b>SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY:</b> Flat bearing No.103, on First Floor, having super built up area of 1225 Square Feet, containing Two bed rooms, with One covered car parking space in the Basement Floor, having RCC Roofed, Vitrified flooring, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried apartment residential building known as "S.V FLORA" constructed over Schedule "A" Property and bounded on: East by West by Open to Sky, North by Open to Sky South by: Open to Sky and Flat No.102, Open to Sky. | A) 13(2): 16.12.2017 13(4) 09.04.2018 (Symbolic)<br>B) Rs. 41,36,451 Plus interest and other charges from the date of NPA         | A) Rs.37,50,000.00<br>B) Rs.3,75,000.00<br>C) Rs.50,000.00      |

Encumbrances : No such information known to the best of knowledge of Authorized Officer. The bidders are requested to do their own Due Diligence. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION SALE : 1. The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions. (1) The auction sale will be "online through e-auction" portal <http://www.mstccommerce.com>. 2. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (<https://www.mstcauction.com>) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they are requested to upload requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet before the stipulated Date and time in the portal. The registration, verification of KYC documents and transfer of EMD in wallet must be completed well in advance, before auction date. 3. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 mode i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (<https://www.mstccommerce.com>)) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest. 4. Platform (<https://www.mstccommerce.com>) for e-auction will be provided by e-auction service provider M/S MSTC Limited having its Registered office at 225-C, A.J.C. Bose Road, Kolkata-700020 (contact Phone & Toll free Numbers 079-41072412/411/413 or 1800-103-5342). The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to participate in the e-auction process at e-auction Service Provider's website <https://www.mstccommerce.com>. This Service Provider will also provide online demonstration/ training on e-auction on the portal. 5. The Sale Notice containing the General Terms and Conditions of Sale is available / published in the following websites/ web page portal. (1) <https://www.bipai.in> (2) <https://procure.gov.in/epublish/app> (3) <http://www.mstccommerce.com>. (4) <http://www.pnbindia.in>. 6. The intending participants of e-auction may download free of cost, copies of the Sale Notice, Terms & Conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-auction related to this e-auction from e-auction portal (<https://www.bipai.in>). 7. The intending Bidders/ Purchasers are requested to register on portal (<https://www.mstcauction.com>) using their mobile number and email-id. Further, they will upload the requisite KYC documents. Once the KYC documents are verified by e-auction service provider (may take 2 working days), the intending Bidders/ Purchasers has to transfer the EMD amount using online mode in his Global EMD Wallet. Only after having sufficient EMD in his Wallet, the interested bidder will be able to bid on the date of e-auction. 8. Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding. 9. During the e-auction, there has to be a minimum of one bid increment and bidders will be allowed to offer higher bid in inter-se bidding over and above the last bid quoted and the minimum increase in the bid amount must be as mentioned against each properties to the last higher bid of the bidders. Ten minutes time will be allowed to bidders to quote successive higher bid and if no higher bid is offered by any bidder after the expiry of ten minutes to the last highest bid, the e-auction shall be closed. 10. It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-auction and follow them strictly. (1) In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-auction Service Provider (<http://www.mstccommerce.com>). Details of who are available on the e-auction portal. 11. After finalization of e-auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider). 12. The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. 13. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft, issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of 'The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/C) Payable at Bangalore. In case of failure to deposit the amounts as above within the stipulated time, the successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property. 14. Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194-1A of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount/full deposit of BID amount. 15. The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final. 16. The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act. 17. The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS". 18. The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. 19. It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before registering the bid. The bidder inspect the property in consultation with the dealing official as per the details provided. 20. All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser. 21. The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc. 22. The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions. 23. It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self bid and participate in the auction. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://www.bipai.in>, <https://procure.gov.in/epublish/app>, <http://www.mstccommerce.com>, <http://www.pnbindia.in>.

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER  
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

Place : Bangalore Date : 21.02.2024

## Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.

Zonal Office : No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).

Malleswaram Branch : No.1612, Nagarathna Nilaya, First Floor, Opp Dr.Rajkumar Samadhi, 1st A Cross, 2nd Main, Nandini Layout. 2nd Block, Outer Ring Road, Bangalore-560096. AO Name : Vijayalakshmi B K, Contact No.: 9986698893.

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION CUM SALE**

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 for the recovery of amount due from borrowers, offers are invited by the undersigned in sealed covers for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on 'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis', Particulars of which are given below:-

| Sl No. | Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)                                                                                                             | Demand Notice Date and Amount | Description of the Immovable property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Reserve Price (RP)                                                         | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)                       |
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| 1.     | Appi No: V0130879 Malleswaram Branch Eternity Projects (Borrower) Vijaya Prasad Reddy K (1st Co Borrower) Kasturi Vijaya Kumar Cotha (2nd Co Borrower) | 11-08-2020 ₹ 35,57,012.00     | Primary Property Address : All The Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Amalgamated Khatha No. 154/1315 In Respect Of BDA Plot Nos 1315/1316/1317 Situated At Devarachikkanahalli Off Vijaya Bnak Layout, BTM 4Th Stage, 1St Block LayoutBanglore, Measuring 9600 Sqft Along With 08 Villa Out Of Which 2 Villa Are In The Stage Of Pillars Raised Up To GF Intel Level And Balance 6 Villa Are Yet To Commence The Construction. Bounded : East Side By : Road, West Side By : Road , North Side By : Site No. 1314, South Side By : Portion Of Site No. 1317 And Site No. 1318. | ₹ 6,91,20,000.00 (Rupees Six Crores Ninety One Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) | ₹ 69,12,00,000 (Rupees Sixty Nine Lakhs Twelve Thousand Only) |

- Last Date of Submission of Sealed Bid/ Offer in the prescribed tender forms along with EMD and KYC is 07.03.2024. within 5.00 PM at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above. Tenders that are not filled up or tenders received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
- Date of Opening of the



Touted to be the next big name in the South Indian music scene, singer Sanjith Hegde's catchy number *Gulaabo* has been speaking volumes for itself ever since its release.

**S**INGER Sanjith Hegde's latest song *Gulaabo* seems to be on everyone's playlist. The singer, who is usually known for his folk-sy tunes wanted to try a different genre, and the result was a peppy tune and mood-lifter. "I wrote *Gulaabo* about four years ago

which was supposed to be a funny song of sorts," says Hegde. The video has him grooving in a pink outfit and he credits director Bijoy Shetty for the fun vibe that comes through. "We don't have to be perfect at all times, rather, we can do things for fun. So I think it was one of those things. I wasn't really conscious of how I looked," says the 25-year-old.

The song is complete-

ly different from the kind of Kannada music he comes up with, like he did with *Geejaga Hakk*i for Coke Studio Bharat. Acknowledging that, Hegde says, "With Coke Studio, I wanted them to listen to the story of Harishchandra and Yakshagana, and with *Gulaabo*, I wanted to create something silly. So I think everybody has multiple stories they want to say," says Hegde.

A few weeks ago, Hegde had posted a blurry picture of himself with AR Rahman on social media and his excitement could be seen in the photograph, which he reveals was taken post the recording. "I have sung a couple of songs with Rahman sir. Every singer's dream in some sense is to learn from him and just absorb the entire space in which he is working. He was very kind to experiment music with me," says the 25-year-old.

A private person, Hegde understands the importance of being visible as a public

figure. "I'm clear about my life's purpose right now. It is to learn and see more of the music that is out there in the world," he says, adding, "Sometimes, I need to cut off and get into a cave to learn to write. But I don't look at it as a cave, that is my default home," he says with a laugh.

After the success of *Gulaabo*, Hegde is looking forward to his Kannada number *Nanage Allava*. Apart from that, a few songs in English and Punjabi are also in the pipeline.

*A curated guide to happenings in the city*

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Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com**  
with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

**1** K Venkatappa is often referred to as Karnataka's first modern artist. Born to a family of court painters (chitrakas) of Mysore Palace, he later distanced himself from the European and Western art forms to create a style of his own that stood out from other painters in the court. Following a rift with the palace authorities, he left Mysore and made Bengaluru his home. A gallery in his memory was built in 1975 in the vicinity of Cubbon Park in Bengaluru which holds some of the notable works of Venkatappa. Which prominent residential locality in the city did Venkatappa live in and which has a road named after him as 'Chitrashilpi Venkatappa Road'?

**2** Dr Rajkumar, the doyen of Kannada cinema has acted in more than 200 films in the lead role and is considered a cultural icon in the Kannada diaspora and is often referred to as 'Natasaarabhowma' (emperor of actors). Rajkumar is also a well-known playback singer and perhaps the only actor to have won national awards in both singing and acting. Dr Rajkumar, who was also honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke award in 1995, has a prominent road named after him in one of the largest residential localities in Bengaluru. Name the locality.

**3** Nobel Laureate CV Raman, who made Bengaluru his home, spent more than 30 years of his life in the city. A neighbourhood located in Bengaluru is named CV Raman Nagar and a prominent road in the city is named CV Raman Road in memory of the Laureate. Name the world-renowned science institution located on this road.

Bows are making a comeback and are now being seen as a timeless element in both men's and women's fashion



"I really liked scrunchies and bows, and my mother wouldn't buy any for me from a store I liked, so I just cut a frock and made a bow. Some of my friends asked me to do it for them as well, and that is when I started it as a business. There is a lot of demand for bows, I get 30-50 orders monthly on average which is huge for me as I am the only one managing the business. Colours like black, white, red, and lavender are mostly in demand," shares the student.

Another stylist coach in the city, Suma, observes that bows have transcended their traditional role as hair accessories, now prominently featured in apparel. "Bows are trending in apparel, especially large bows. Any outfit needs a certain kind of definition, depth, or volume. Designers use different ways to do that. So you can see a lot of big bows this season of the same colour. Say there is a white top and there is a big bow on the waist or the neck. There are also a lot of trending reels showing how to make bows out of your belt," says Suma.

The bow trend has dominated fashion and beauty fronts, influenced by the coquette aesthetic and celebrity appearances. Spring Couture Week 2024 highlighted this trend, with celebrities like Jennifer Lopez donning bows. Style icons like Sonam Kapoor and Alia Bhatt

have also been spotted adorning their hair with elegant bow ties, adding a touch of grace and femininity to their overall look. On the apparel front, stars like Bhumi Pednekar and Priyanka Chopra have been seen incorporating bows into their outfits, demonstrating how these simple yet impactful additions can transform an ensemble from ordinary to extraordinary.

Meghana M, a fashion stylist and designer, highlights the widespread use of bows in various forms, from accessories and embellishments to being the centrepiece of avant-garde garments. "Just not in apparel or accessories, we can style it in such a way that we can wear them as earrings, wallets, and heels as well," shares Meghana. Reflecting on the historical context, she notes that bows, which originated between the '20s and '40s, were initially unisex but later became associated with women's fashion. Their return marks a revival of a classic trend, with bows now seen as a timeless element in both men's and women's fashion. Styling tips for in-

corporating bows into modern attire include using them as statement pieces to enhance simple outfits. "If at all, someone is wearing a simple or plain garment, bows can be used for accessorising. There can be a minimalist white shirt and a heavy embellished bow as an accessory which can work for every look. We could have a reversible bow, where a plain solid colour on one side which can be worn for a cocktail party, and in the evening it could be reversed to a sequin-style bow for a party attire," she adds.



Alia Bhatt

## Four-week Master Training Program launched

Government of Karnataka has launched several schemes to update the skills of workforce by arranging training workshops and interactive sessions on regular basis. To accelerate this process, a four-week master training program jointly organised by the Civil Engineering Department of Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology (NMIT), The Society for Bharat Ratna Sir M Visvesvaraya National Training Facility for Skills for All and the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood, Government of Karnataka was organised at NMIT. "We are training Master Trainers to enable them to arrange good number of skill development training programs across the state. We have identified Super Trainers to train Master trainers to make them to understand the latest technological tools and new softwares," said Pommalla Sunil Kumar, IAS, Revenue Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, during the inauguration.



**Archish Fertility & IVF Center, Bengaluru** conducted a Mass Baby Meet and Greet on 17 Feb. 2024 to felicitate couples who conceived through IVF. On the occasion, Dr. Ankita Gahlot and Dr. Seema Manjunath Clinical Fertility Specialists, were present at the Archish Fertility & IVF Center, Bengaluru. Archish has two centers in Bangalore - Old Airport Road and Sahakar Nagar.

**XPRESS FOCUS**  
Climate Change Mitigation Initiative  
CEE and EPAM Plant over 6,000  
Saplings across Five Cities



In a concerted effort to combat Climate Change and encourage environmental sustainability, the Centre for Environment Education (CEE), Ahmedabad – India's leading environment education organisation – partnered with EPAM, a leading global provider of digital platform engineering and software development services, to organise a tree plantation programme 'Trees for Tomorrow' across five EPAM office locations in India.

The initiative, aimed at miti-

The tree plantation programme unfolded across the designated locations in a series of events.

In Bengaluru, 1200 saplings of Western Ghats species, listed in the IUCN list, were planted in the Forest Tree Park. Meanwhile in Hyderabad, a Reserved

While, in Myanmar, a Reserved Forest was chosen as the site for the plantation of 2100 saplings of diverse forest species, contributing to the preservation of the region's natural habitat. The initiative also sought to en-

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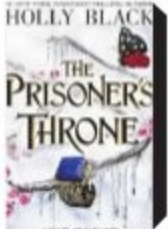
## BOOK NOOK



### House of Flame and Shadow

by Sarah J Maas

Bryce Quinlan never expected to see a world other than Midgard, but now that she has, all she wants is to get back. Everything she loves is in Midgard: her family, her friends, her mate. Stranded in a strange new world, she's going to need all her wits to get home again.



### The Prisoner's Throne

by Holly Black

Prince Oak is imprisoned and is bound to the will of a new queen. With High King Cardan and High Queen Jude willing to retrieve their stolen heir, Oak will have to decide whether to attempt regaining the trust of the girl he's always loved or remain loyal to Elfhome and end her reign.



### Bride

by Ali Hazelwood

Misery Lark, the only daughter of the most powerful Vampyres councilman of the Southwest, is an outcast, again. Her days of living in anonymity among the humans are over: she has been called upon to uphold a historic peacekeeping alliance between the Vampyres and their mortal enemies, the Weres, and she sees little choice but to surrender herself in the exchange, again.



### A Tempest of Tea

by Hafsa Faizal

Arthie Casimir is a criminal mastermind and collector of secrets. Her tearoom transforms into an illegal bloodhouse by dark, catering to the vampires feared by society. But when her establishment is threatened, Arthie is forced to strike an unlikely deal with an alluring adversary to save it.

## WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

### Break a Leg

Elevate your dance skills and unleash your potential at this gymnastics programme, tailored for beginners and experienced dancers alike.

**WHEN:** Feb 22, 7am  
**WHERE:** LVDS, Indiranagar  
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Clay Art

Spend an afternoon learning the craft of pottery. From hand-building to wheel techniques, master the artform with help from experienced trainers and create unique clay pieces.

**WHEN:** Feb 21, 5pm  
**WHERE:** Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli  
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



### Couples' Cook-off

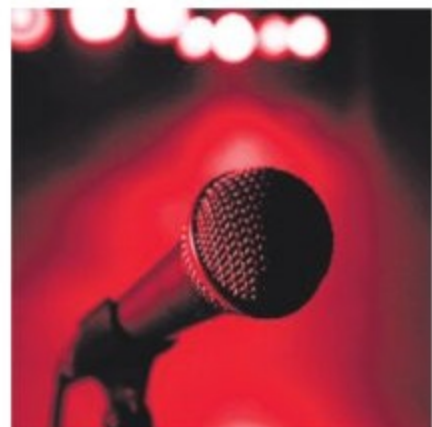
Experience an evening where flavour meets fun, and teamwork is the key ingredient. This cook-off isn't just about who makes the best dish; it's about a collaboration, and maybe even a little friendly competition.

**WHEN:** Feb 21, 2pm  
**WHERE:** SmallWorld, Koramangala  
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Laugh Out Loud

Watch Bengaluru's local comedians perform their new material in English and Hindi. Go with friends and family for an evening of laughter and fun.

**WHEN:** Feb 22, 8.30pm  
**WHERE:** Klayworkz Barista, JP Nagar  
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



### Karaoke Delight

Have you ever let your inner bathroom singer play for the rest of the world? If not, head out for a karaoke night for the perfect opportunity to let loose and sing like no one is watching.

**WHEN:** Feb 22, 9pm  
**WHERE:** Hard Rock Cafe, Whitefield  
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



### Kabir's Verses

Explore the enchanting world of saint poetry through Unheard Kabir with Mandar and Dakshayani, as they sing their original compositions of the many unheard works of Kabir, sharing their personal stories of discovery and enchantment.

**WHEN:** Feb 23, 6.30pm  
**WHERE:** Courtyard Koota, Kengeri  
**DETAILS:** courtyardkoota.com



### SPRING CALLING

Tabebuia rosea flowers blanket Sheshadri Road giving the city streets a colourful makeover | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

### QUICK FIX

## KANPURI MALAI TIKKA



Contributed by Poonam Ratni, Delhi

#### INGREDIENTS

- Chicken, boneless: 500 g
- Fresh cream: 3/4 cup
- Ginger-garlic paste: 1 tbsp
- Yogurt: 1/2 cup
- Black pepper, chaat masala: 1 tsp each
- For cashews-green chilli-coriander leaves paste: 10 pieces cashew, 1 sprig coriander, 3 green chillies

#### METHOD

- Stroke the chicken pieces. Marinade chicken for atleast 1 hour with curd, half the black pepper and chaat masala, ginger-garlic paste and cashews-green chilli-coriander leaves paste. Squeeze half a lemon.
- Heat 1 tablespoon oil and 1 tablespoon butter in a pan. Add chicken and fry till dry after cooking it covered on low flame for 15 mins.
- On the gas stove, place a grill net and turn chicken over flame with a tong till grilled on all sides.
- In the pan, add 1 tbsp butter, cream, chicken, black pepper and chaat masala. Stir till masala clings to pieces of chicken.

### What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at [bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com](mailto:bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com)

### FIT BIT

## ANJANEYASANA HANDS ON HIPS

(SON OF ANJANI LUNGE POSE)

It is a part of the primary series of Ashtanga yoga and a foundational asana in other schools of yoga. The series of poses helps stretch and strengthen the shoulders, arms, neck, legs, ankles and back.

#### STEPS

- Stand straight. Keep your feet apart with 3 to 4 feet distance between them.
- Move your right foot forward at 90-degree angle and left foot backward at 15-degree angle. Place your left heel in the direction of your right leg.
- Raise the heel of the left leg, resting the toes on the floor. Inhale, raise your hands parallel to the floor and keep the palms on your hips.
- Make sure your left ankle and left knee should be in a straight line.
- Gradually lower your pelvis. Remain in this posture for 30 to 60 seconds. Keep breathing until you get down.
- Repeat the posture by changing the legs.

#### BENEFITS

- Stretches your arms, legs, shoulders, neck, belly, groins and ankles.
- Helps improve focus, balance and stability.
- Strengthens biceps and triceps.
- Strengthens the posterior chin (back muscles, butt, hamstrings)
- Stretches quadriceps, gluteus maximus, and calf muscles.
- Helps to open your hips, chest and lungs.
- Encourages blood circulation and respiration.
- Helps regulate conditions related to migraine, vertigo, blood pressure, cervical spondylosis.

#### LIMITATIONS

People suffering from any chronic disorder or spinal cord ailments, soreness in knees or have rheumatoid arthritis, pregnant women, HBP patients, should avoid this pose.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

## REGIONAL



### JOE (Tamil)

Joe, who is reeling from a heartbreak by his college sweetheart, reluctantly enters an arranged marriage. What surprises await in this chapter for him?

**Cast:** Rio Raj, Malavika Manoj, Bhavya Trikha

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

### MISS PERFECT (Telugu)

Obsessed with cleanliness, a young professional is mistaken for a maid. Her fixation on tidiness leads to chaos when she takes a new job.

**Cast:** Lavanya Tripathi, Abhijith Duddala, Abhinava Vuthaluru

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

### MANGALAVAARAM (Telugu)

In a village plagued by deaths, SI Maya grapples with superstition and the spirit of a mysterious girl. Can she unravel the puzzle and save the community?

**Cast:** Payal Rajput, Nandita Shwetha, Divya Pillai

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



### A RANJITH CINEMA (Malayalam)

A young filmmaker starts adding fictional horror events to a screenplay based on his life — and questions his sanity when they start coming true.

**Cast:** Asif Ali, Saiju Kurup, Namitha Pramod, Jewel Mary

● Watch on: Netflix



### SABA NAYAGAN (Tamil)

Arrested for nuisance, Saba spins wild breakup tales to melt a sympathetic cop, hoping to charm his way out. Whose story is he narrating, and will his plan work?

**Cast:** Ashok Selvan, Megha Akash, Karthika Muralidharan, Chandini Chowdary

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

### KARMA CALLING (Hindi, series)

An emotionally troubled young woman sets out to exact revenge against the people who wronged her father.

**Cast:** Raveena Tandon, Namrata Sheth, Varun Sood

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



### DUNKI (Hindi)

A group of friends set out on a perilous journey to emigrate to the United Kingdom via a clandestine route called 'donkey flight', risking their lives in the process.

**Cast:** Shah Rukh Khan, Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Anil Grover

● Watch on: Netflix

## FOREIGN

### ALL THE LIGHT WE CAN NOT SEE (English, series)

The story of Marie-Laure, a blind French teenager, and Werner, a German soldier, whose paths collide in occupied France as they both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

**Cast:** Aria Mia Loberti, Louis Hofmann, Hugh Laurie, Mark Ruffalo

● Watch on: Netflix



### LIVING FOR THE DEAD (English, series)

Five queer ghost hunters crisscross the country, helping the living by healing the dead.

**Cast:** Roz Hernandez, Alexandre LeMay, Juno Bae

● Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



### HAZZBIN HOTEL (English, series)

In an attempt to find a non-violent alternative for reducing Hell's overpopulation, the daughter of Lucifer opens a rehabilitation hotel that offers a group of misfit demons a chance at redemption.

**Cast:** Erika Henningsen, Stephanie Beatriz, Blake Roman

● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



### PAST LIVES (English)

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrest apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Decades later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront destiny, love and the choices that make a life.

**Cast:** Greta Lee, Teo Yoo, John Magaro

● Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

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| Netflix:         | ₹ 199/month |
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| Jo Cinema:       | ₹ 999/year  |
| Disney+ Hotstar: | ₹ 899/year  |
| Zee5:            | ₹ 699/year  |
| Viki Rakuten:    | ₹ 299/month |
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# NOW STREAMING







# REGISTRATION OF LOVE AND MARRIAGE WITHIN A RELATIONSHIP IS THE ESSENCE OF OUR FILM: NAVEEN DWARAKNATH

I don't like wasting time on projects, where I can't add value:  
**Milana Nagaraj**

OFF late, Milana Nagaraj's characters in films usually revolve around relationships, love, and family. "Whether it's a family drama or a romantic entertainer, as a heroine, I aim for strong roles. I might have been part of a couple of mass subjects, where I would have had just two songs and starred alongside the hero. However, through my experience, I've realised that such characters won't take me anywhere, and I don't like wasting time on such projects, where I can't add value. Plots of family entertainers and relationship-based films offer space for performance. While such subjects resonate with me, it has also helped me build an audience," she says.

About *For Regn*, she says, "No matter how much you love each other or how long you've been together, relationships should be officially recognised. Even in today's world, there's still some hesitation about love marriages among elders, and they believe in the value of registered relationships. Naveen has explored his film on these lines. The project deals with a sensitive topic in a light-hearted manner."

Working with Pruthvi Ambaar for the first time, Milana rates him highly as an actor. "Having worked in Tulu films and being popular, Pruthvi is a good co-actor. He adds value to your performance. I require that rapport, especially during rehearsals, and Pruthvi fits perfectly into that. He's tailor-made for the role," she says.



Director Naveen Dwarakanath, actor Pruthvi Ambaar, and Milana Nagaraj share insights on their upcoming romantic drama

A SHARADHAA

RUTHVI Ambaar was offered *For Regn* before his rise to stardom with the hit film *Dia*. Despite the nearly three-year journey, the film helmed by newcomer Naveen Dwaraknath, consistently sparked curiosity, keeping audiences eagerly anticipating its release. Produced by Naveen Rao under Nischal Films, *For Regn* will also be Milana Nagaraj next after *Kousalya Supraja Rama*.

Naveen Dwaraknath's background in crafting documentaries and short films, such as *Shadow*,

the children's film *Harivina Haadi*, and *Yellow Board*, highlights his diverse experience.

Transitioning from an IT career to filmmaking, Naveen brings a fresh perspective to the project. "When we buy a vehicle a lot of importance is given to registration. Similarly, its significance is truly felt when it's properly acknowledged," shares Naveen, offering insight into the themes of *For Regn*.

"The essence of our film lies in the registration of love and marriage within a relationship, where two souls merge with each other. Every character in the film reaches a

logical conclusion, with every element given its due attention," adds Naveen.



Relationships should be registered through hearts:  
**Pruthvi Ambaar**

RUTHVI Ambaar, currently on a release streak, has recently added another feather to his cap with his latest film, *Juni*, and he is now gearing up for his next *For Regn* and is following it with *Matysagandha*.

"The journey for *For Regn* began when director Naveen Dwarakanath noticed me, in one of my Tulu films and approached me," Pruthvi reveals.

Known for playing characters who navigate the intricacies of love and relationships with finesse, *Dia* actor Pruthvi sees *For Regn* as another opportunity to explore these aspects. He aims to challenge conventional notions and offer audiences a nuanced perspective on the true essence of relationships. "Relationships should be registered through hearts, and that's the core plot of the film," he explains. "Whether it's love or living in relationships, the idea of a 'happily ever after' holds value after a marriage is registered, as it is not just about two souls but the family behind them."



Mayura-Thejas, director duo, to debut with  
**Bhava Theera Yaana**

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DIRECTORS Mayura Ambekallu and Thejas Kiran, who began their journey with short films *First Love Part I* and *Part II*, eventually followed it up by making their feature film. Titled *Bhava Theera Yaana*, derived from the columnist AR Manikanth, The story written by the duo directors was unveiled at a recent event in the presence of Bhama Harish, Nityananda Prabhu, Karisubbu, Shilpa Srinivas, Lion Venkatesh, and journalist Manikanth. The film's subject is centered around a boy's journey of love, featuring Thejas Kiran, who is also playing the lead along with Arohi as the heroine.

The film also features not-

ed actor Ramesh Bhat in an important role, who expressed his appreciation towards the team, highlighting the unique role offered to him after his remarkable 50-year career. "*Bhava Theera Yaana* was initially conceived as a two-part short film totaling 40 minutes each, which was expanded to over 2 hours and 10 minutes with the addition of new characters," says Mayura, who along with Thejas has completed the shooting, which is in the post-production phase. The film, produced by Shalesh Ambekallu and Lakshmana BK, also has director Mayura serving as a music composer. The film has Vishakha Nagalapura penning the dialogues, and Shivashankara Noorambada as DOP.

## Anjali Menon to make Tamil directorial debut

The film will also mark the first production venture of KRG Studios

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ON Tuesday, the production house KRG Studios announced that they are all set to produce Anjali Menon's next directorial, which will mark her debut in Tamil.

Anjali started her career with the Malayalam short film *Black Nor White*. She then went on to helm a segment in the *Kerala Cafe* anthology film. She made her feature film debut with *Manjadikuru* in 2008. She then wrote *Ustaad Hotel* (2012), after which she helmed her most popular film, *Bangalore Days* (2014). She last had the release of *Wonder Women* in 2022.

As per an official press note, Anjali Menon said, "Audiences are connecting beyond language boundaries to the diverse story landscapes of India, and we are keen to take them on cinematic journeys that are memorable, entertaining and thought-provoking - all at the same time."

KRG Studios (Karthik Gowda and Yogi G Raj entered the industry as producers in 2021 and has previously bankrolled films such as, *Rathnan Prapancha*, and *Gurudev Hoysala*. Some of their upcoming films include *Uttarakaanda* and *Kirik'et 11*.



## Raghavendra Rajkumar to play retired doctor in *Kannamuche Kaadegude*

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NATARAJ Krishna's *Kannamuche Kaadegude*, a murder mystery, brings together an interesting cast. Jyothi Shetty, the actor who played the villain in *Garuda Gamana Vrishaba Vahana*, Atharva Prakash, the lead hero of *Man of the Match*, and it stars Raghavendra Rajkumar in a pivotal role as a retired doctor. The film, which was shot in Bengaluru

and Mangalore, has been censored U/A and is gearing up for a release. The poster of the film was recently unveiled at the Sukhananka Charitable Trust Orphanage.

Speaking about this film, director Nataraj Krishna said, "*Kannamuche...* holds the characteristics of a suspense thriller and promises to be an internal commercial film. Raghavendra Rajkumar being part of our film in a significant role is a major highlight

of our film. He has contributed substantially to the story and is teaming up with newcomers."

*Kannamuche Kaadegude* produced by Anitha Veeresh Kumar and Meenakshi Rajashekar has Deepak Kumar JK handling the cinematography, and Bedre is in charge of editing. *Kannamuche* also features Parthana as the heroine, alongside Veeresh Kumar, Aravind Boloor, Raviram Kunj, Suresh Rai, and others.

